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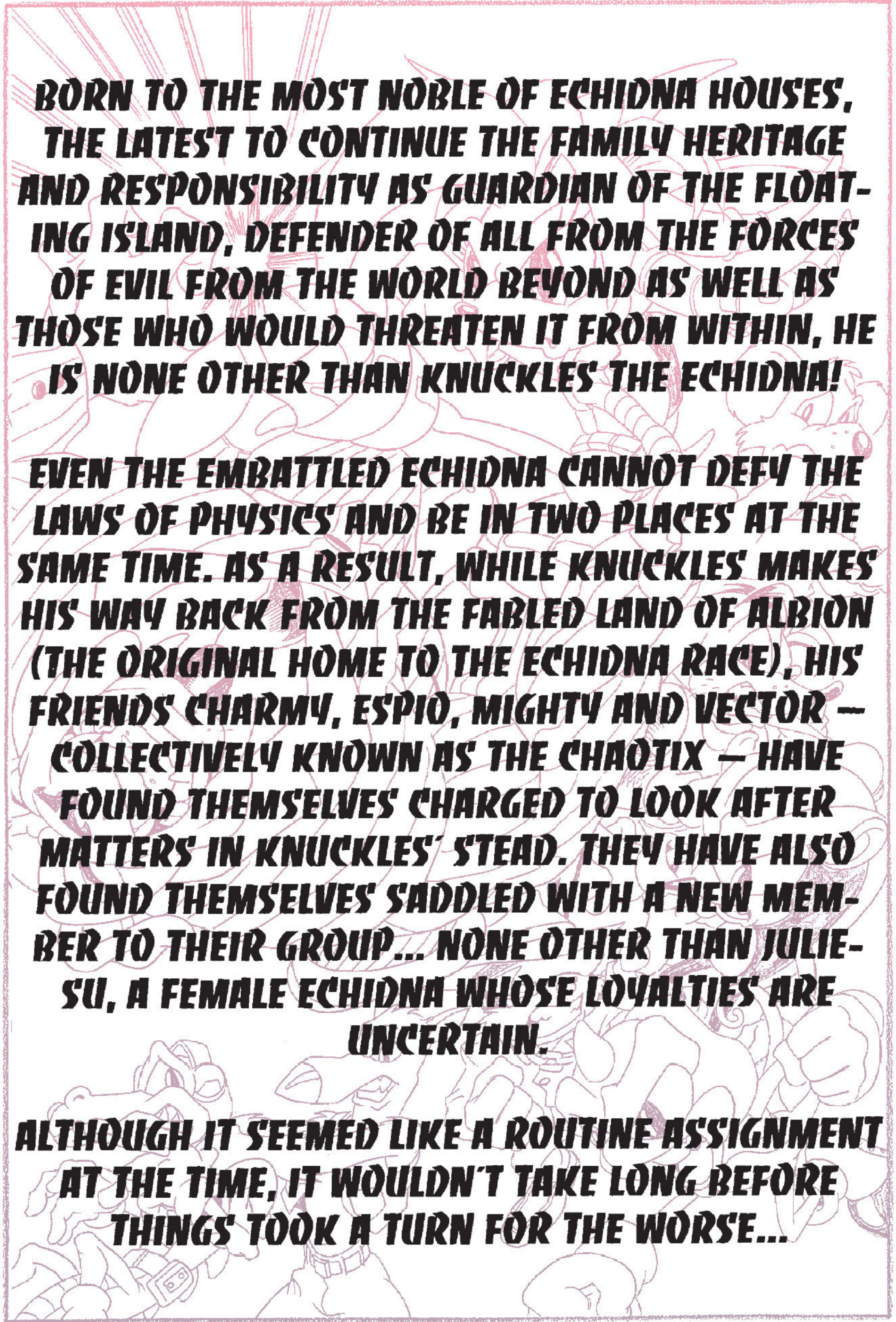
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THE ECHIDNA



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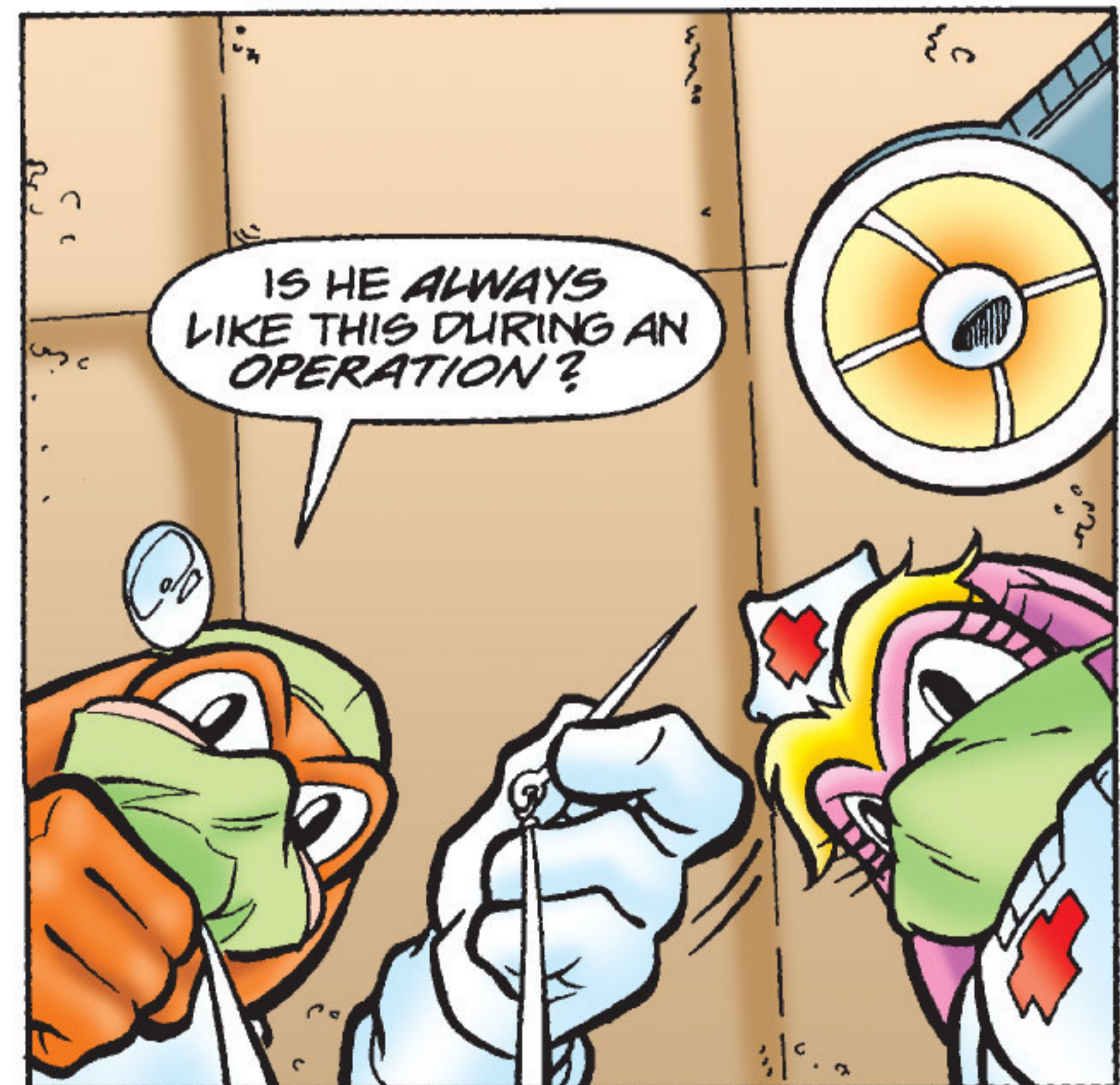
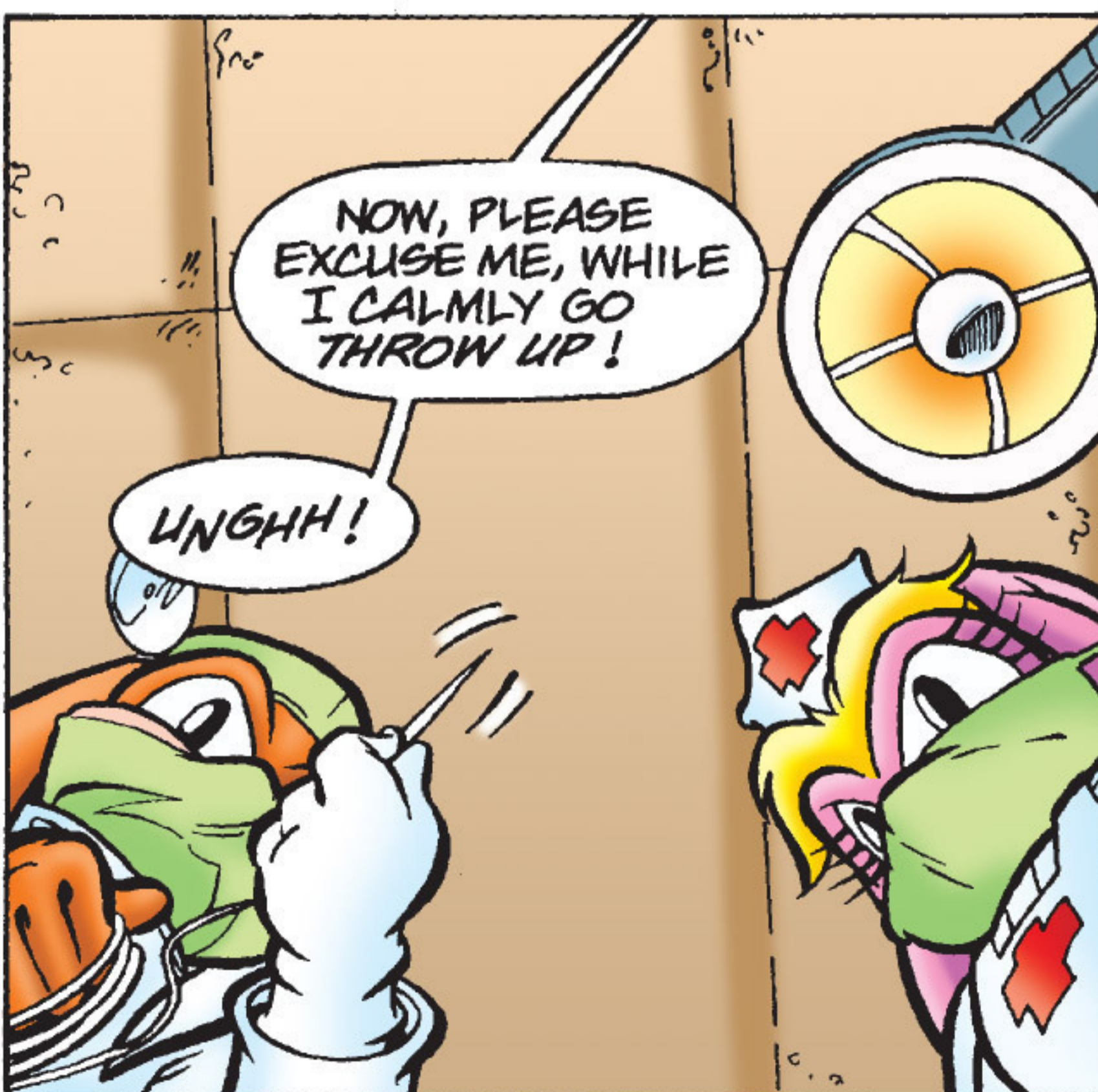
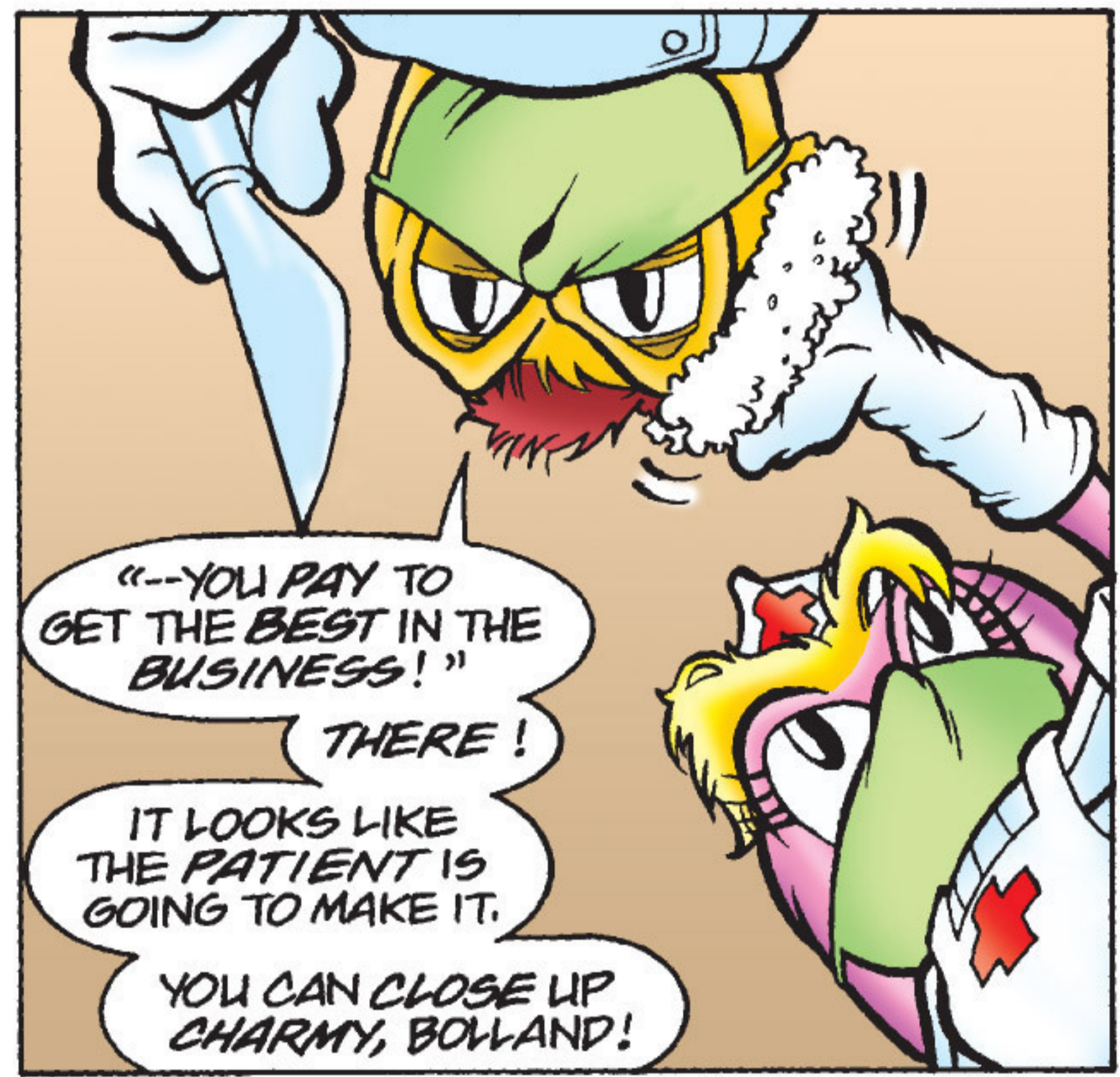
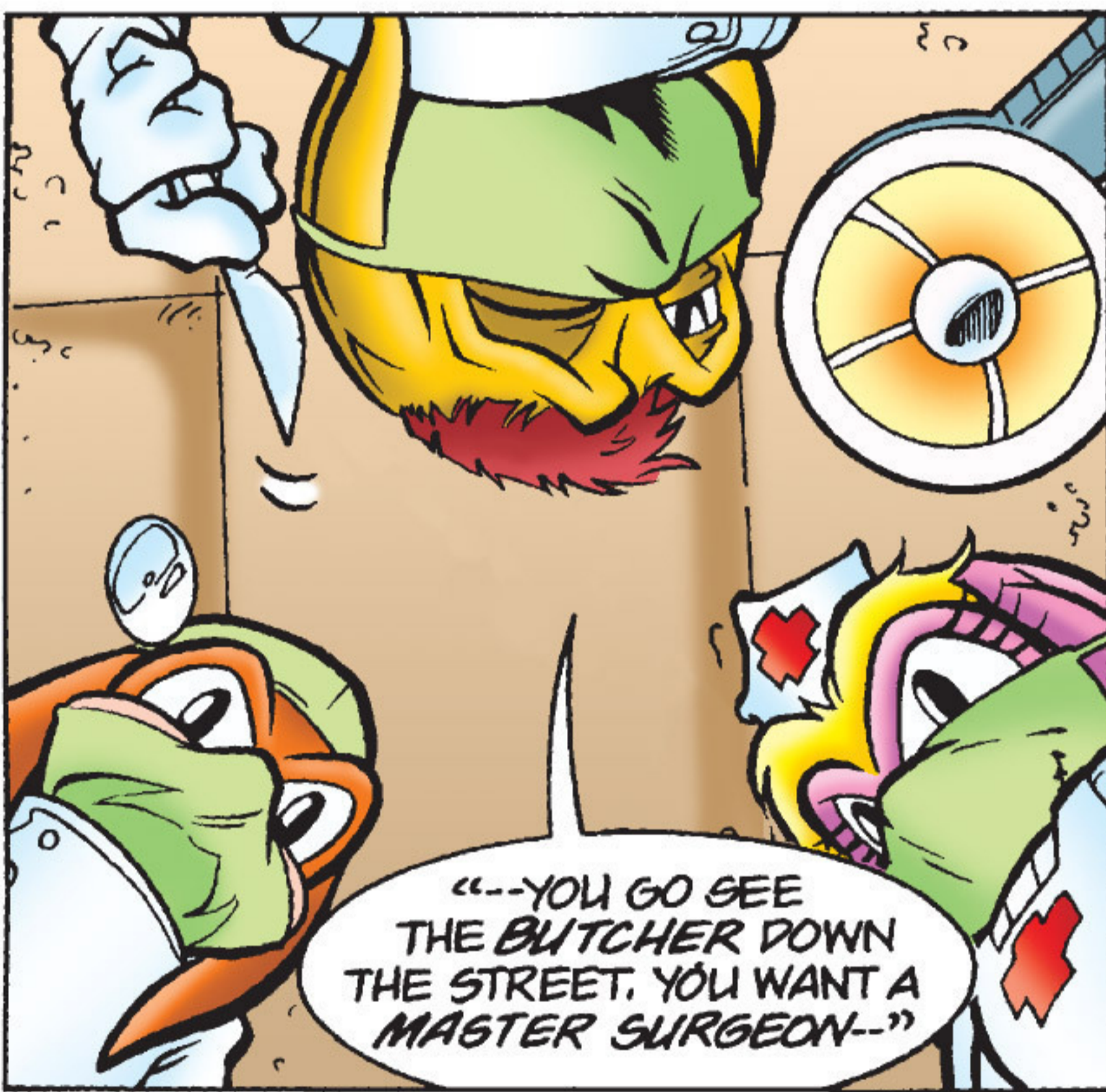
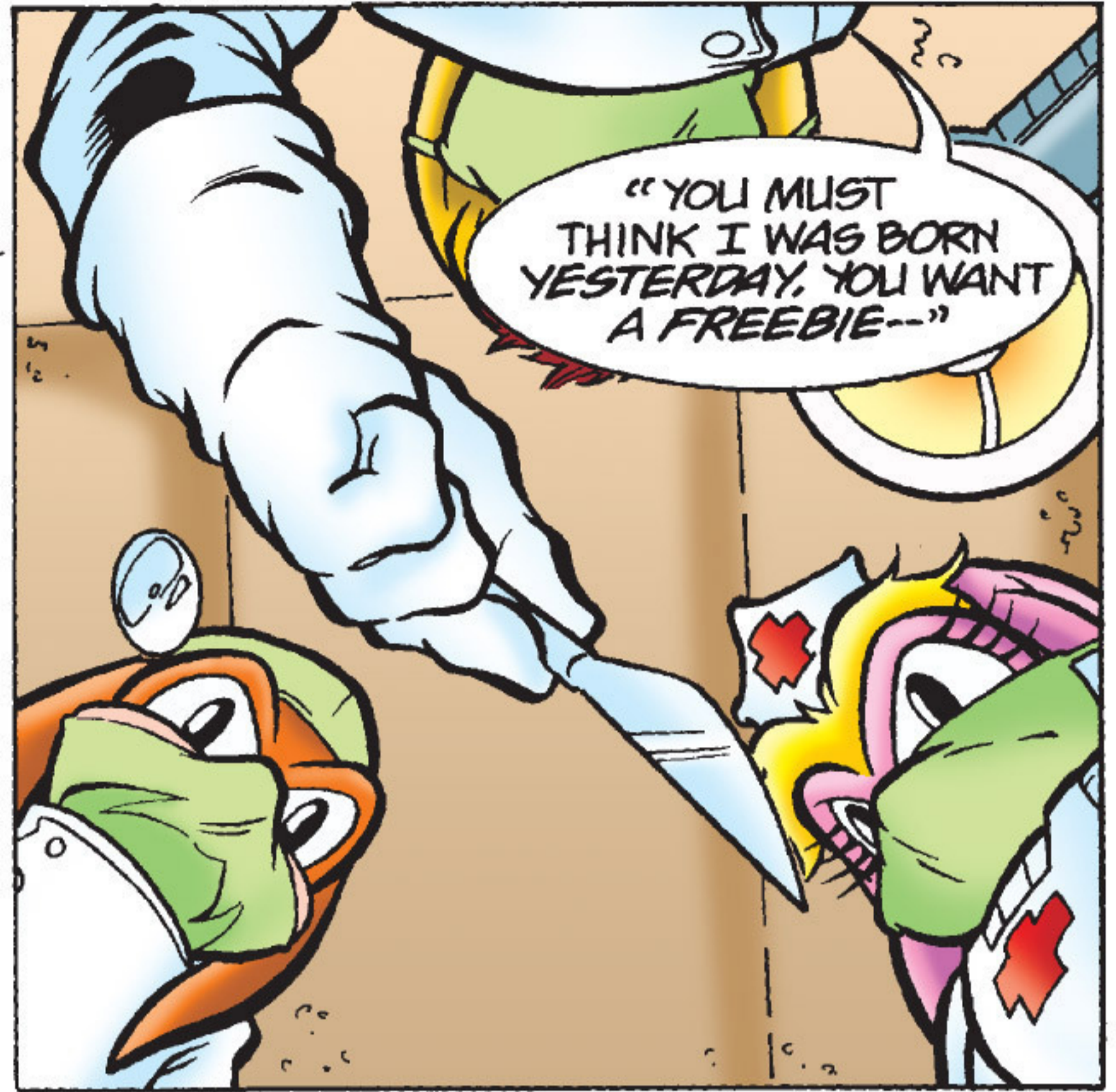
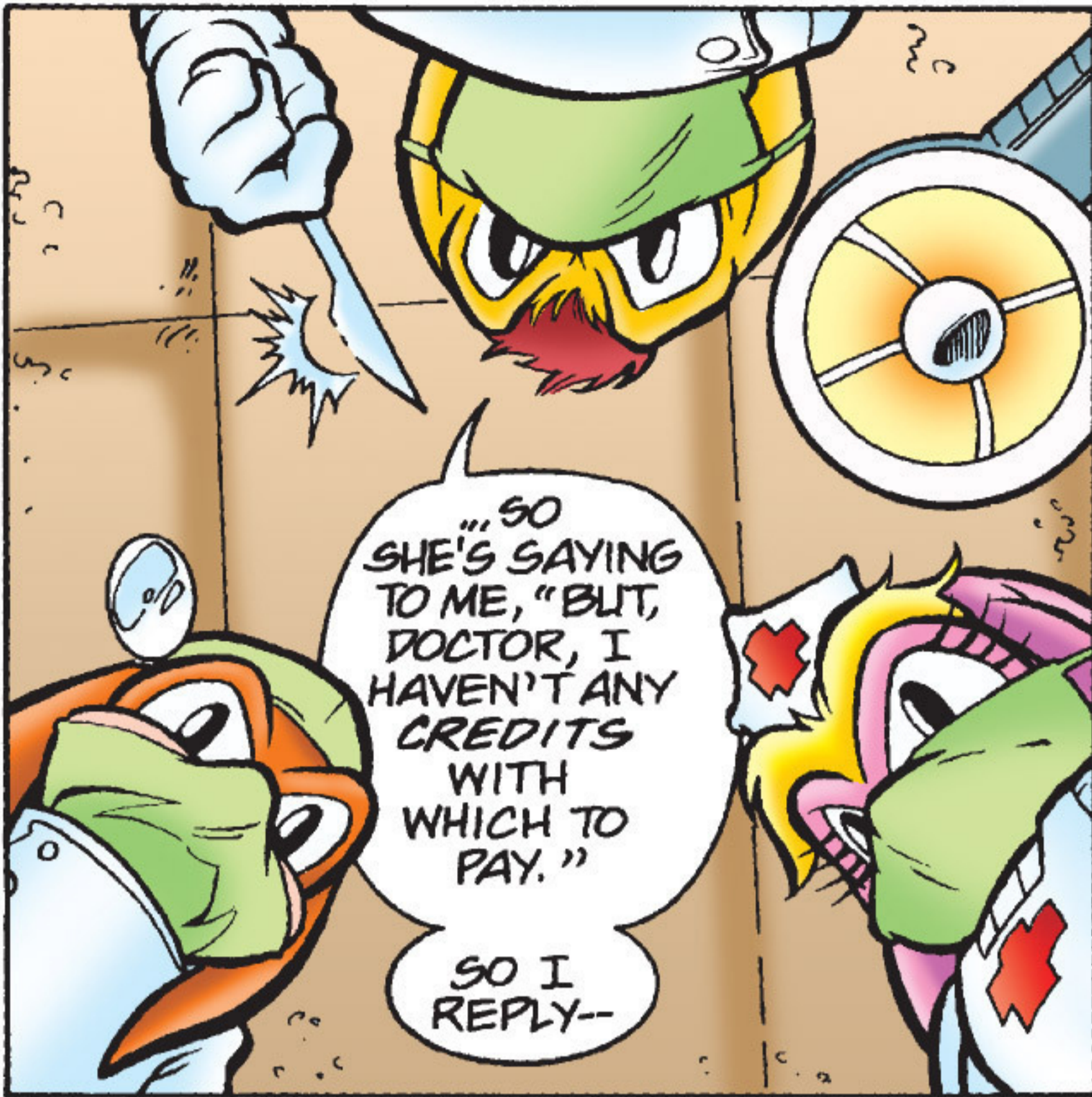
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The background of the page is a detailed line drawing in a reddish-pink hue. It depicts Knuckles the Echidna in the center, looking upwards with a determined expression. Surrounding him are the four members of the Chaotix: Charmy, Espio, Mighty, and Vector. They are shown in various dynamic poses, some appearing to be in motion or engaged in a task. The overall style is reminiscent of classic comic book art.

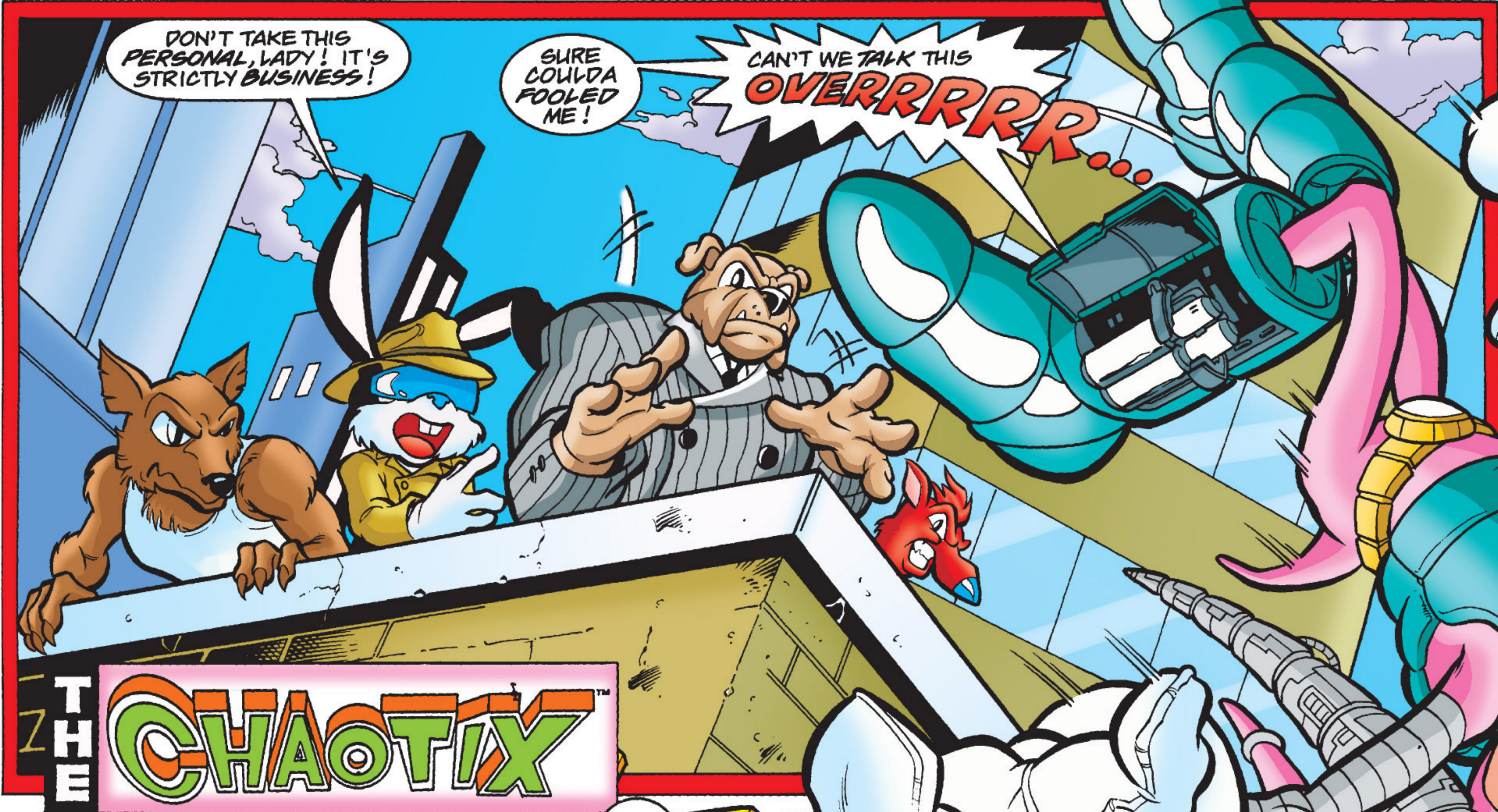
BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES, THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN IT FROM WITHIN, HE IS NONE OTHER THAN KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

EVEN THE EMBATTLED ECHIDNA CANNOT DEFY THE LAWS OF PHYSICS AND BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME. AS A RESULT, WHILE KNUCKLES MAKES HIS WAY BACK FROM THE FABLED LAND OF ALBION (THE ORIGINAL HOME TO THE ECHIDNA RACE), HIS FRIENDS CHARMY, ESPIO, MIGHTY AND VECTOR — COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE CHAOTIX — HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES CHARGED TO LOOK AFTER MATTERS IN KNUCKLES' STEAD. THEY HAVE ALSO FOUND THEMSELVES SADDLED WITH A NEW MEMBER TO THEIR GROUP... NONE OTHER THAN JULIE-SU, A FEMALE ECHIDNA WHOSE LOYALTIES ARE UNCERTAIN.

ALTHOUGH IT SEEMED LIKE A ROUTINE ASSIGNMENT AT THE TIME, IT WOULDN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE THINGS TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE...

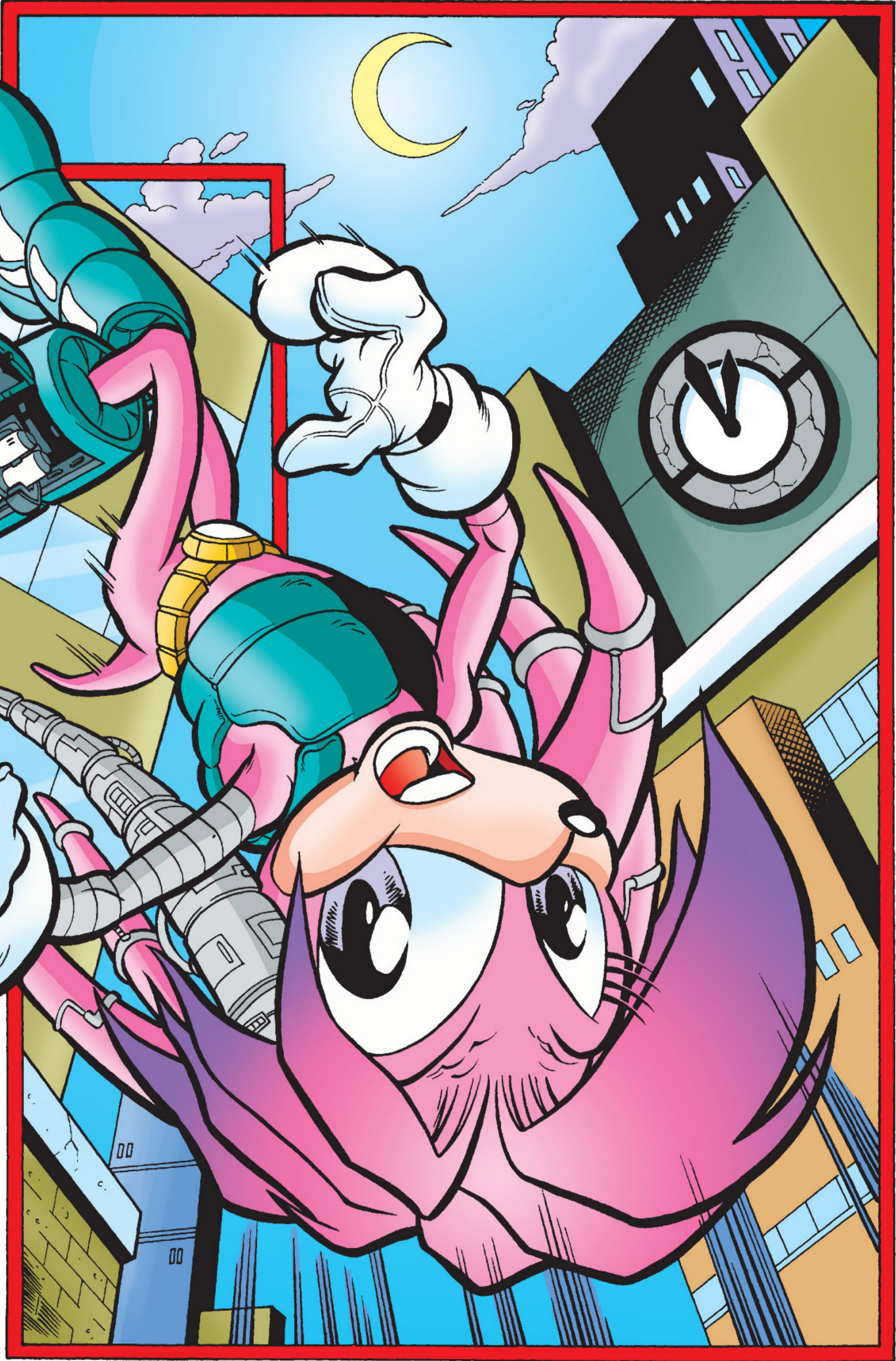


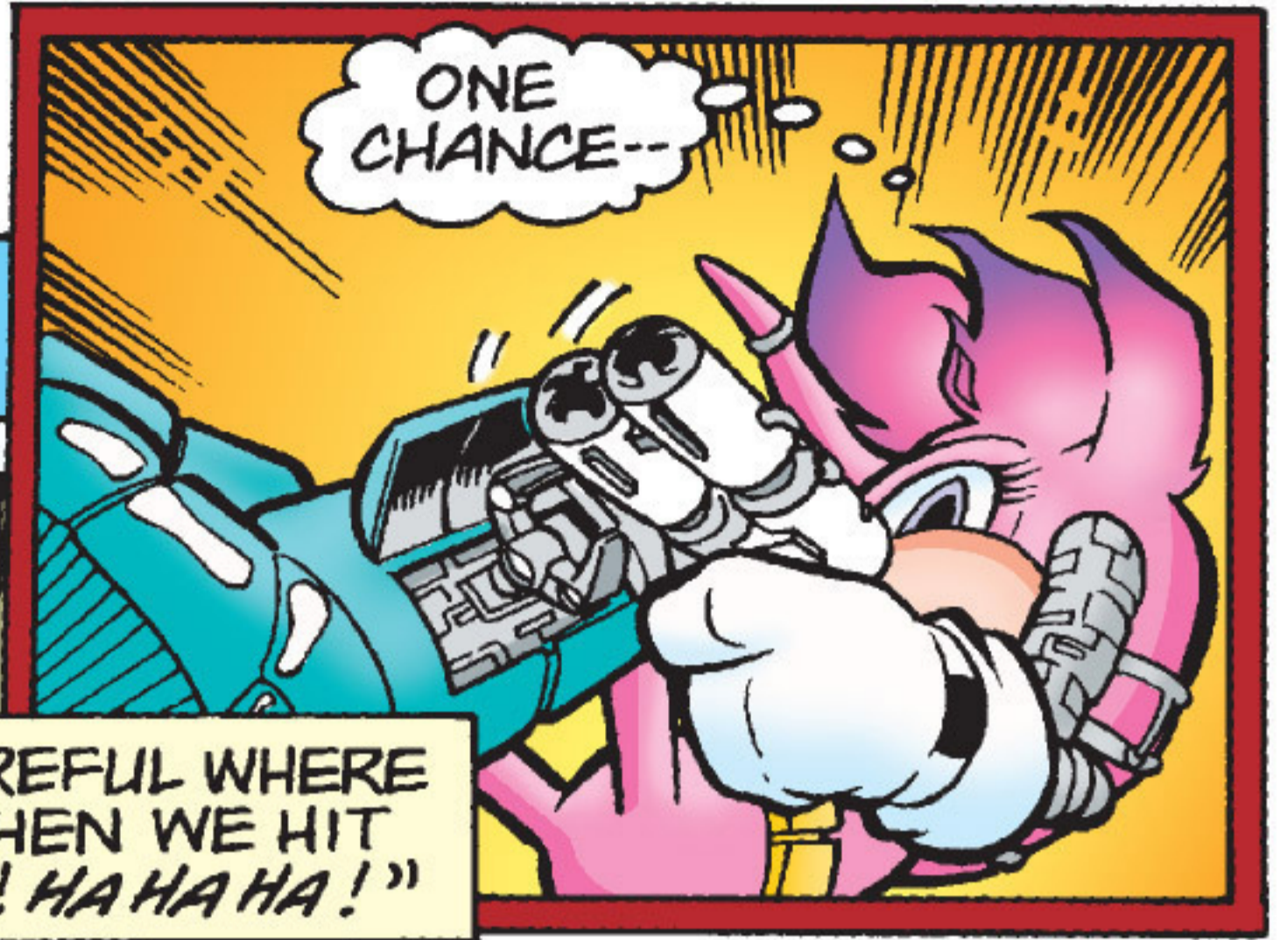
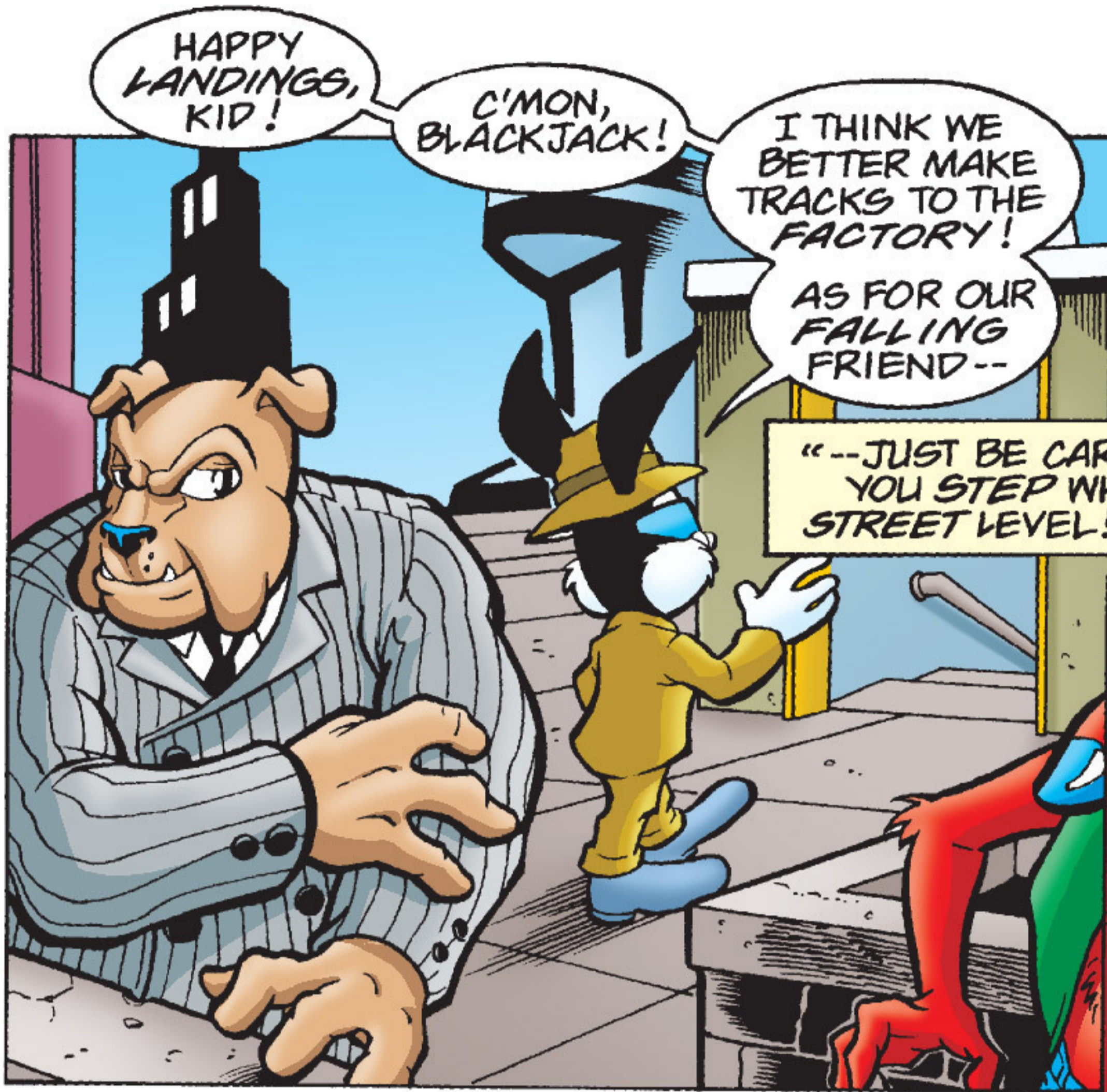
"THIS ISN'T BAD! YOU SHOULD SEE HIM WHEN HE'S REALLY STRESSED OUT!"



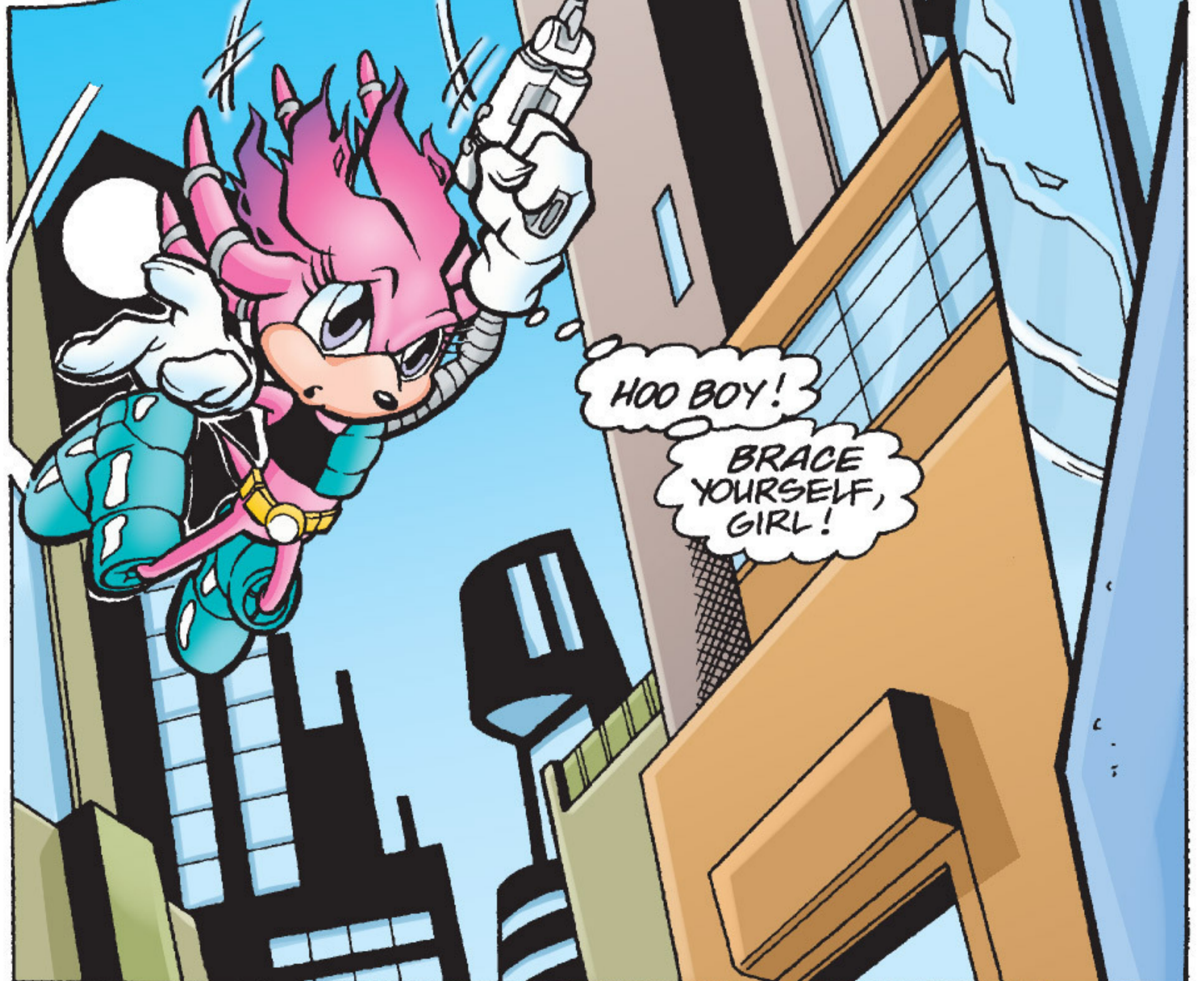
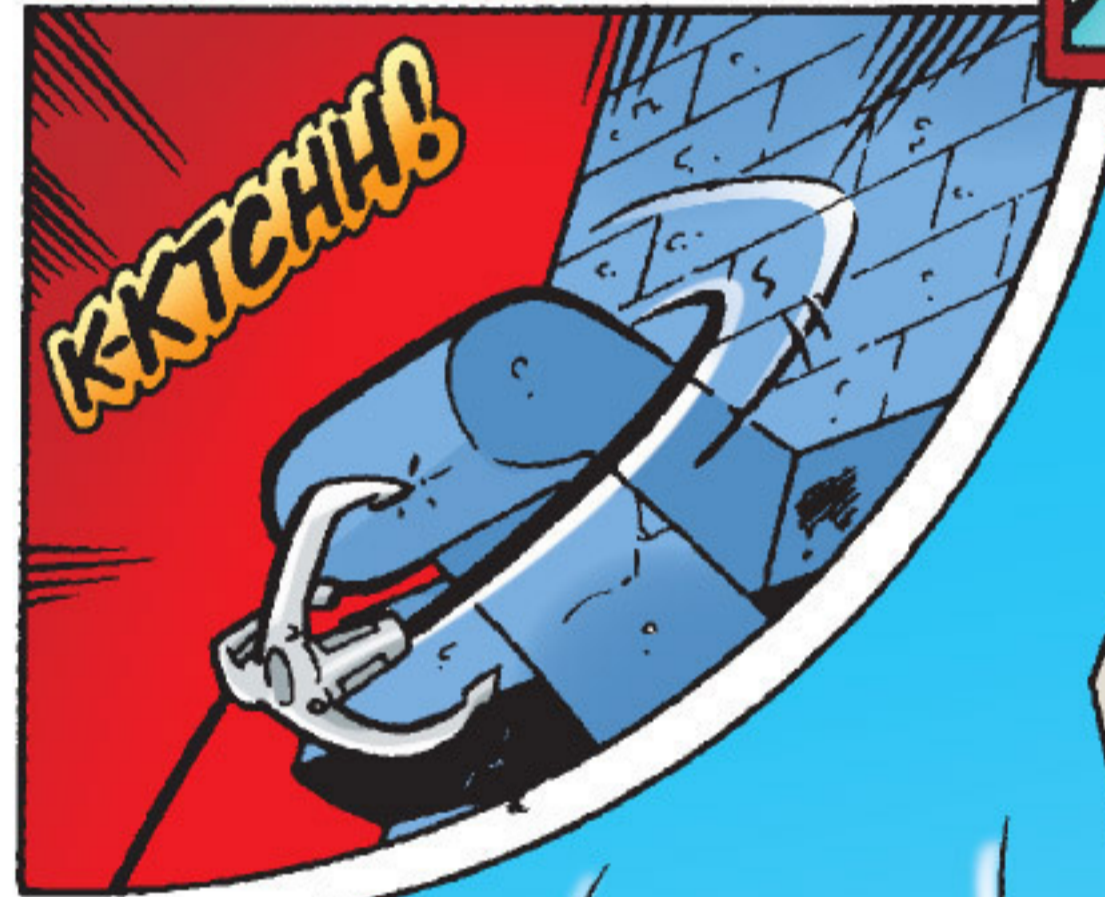
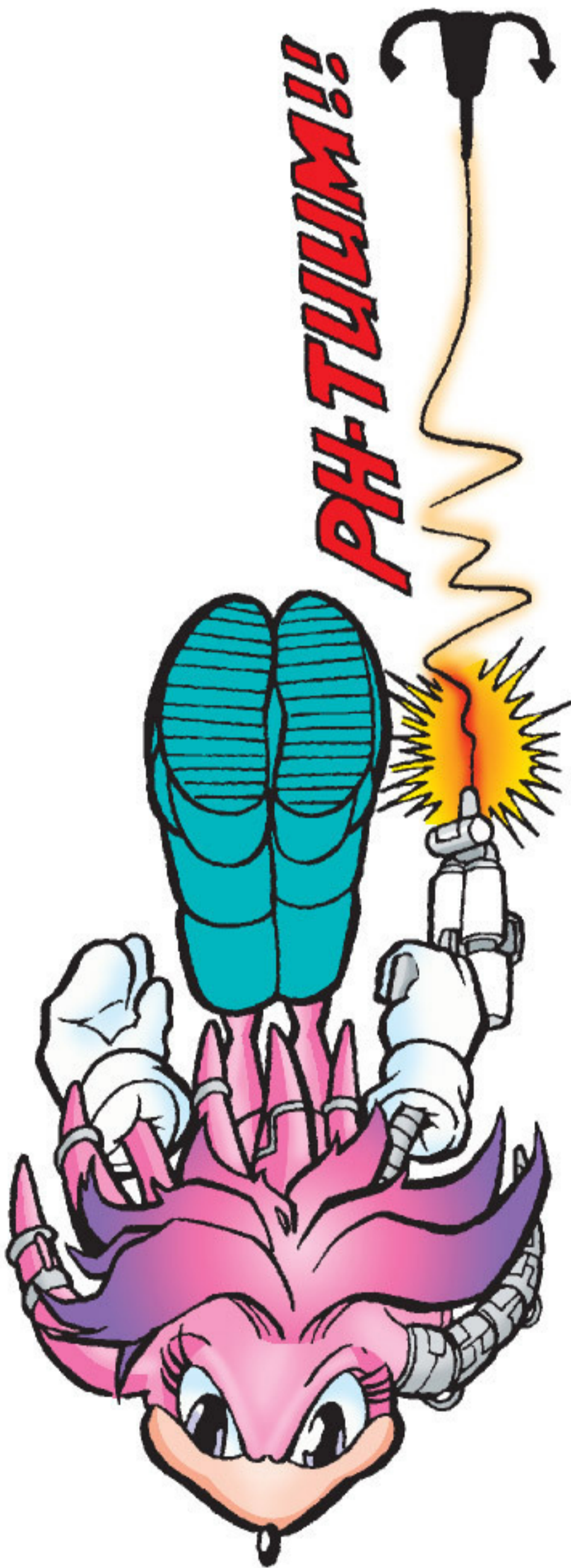
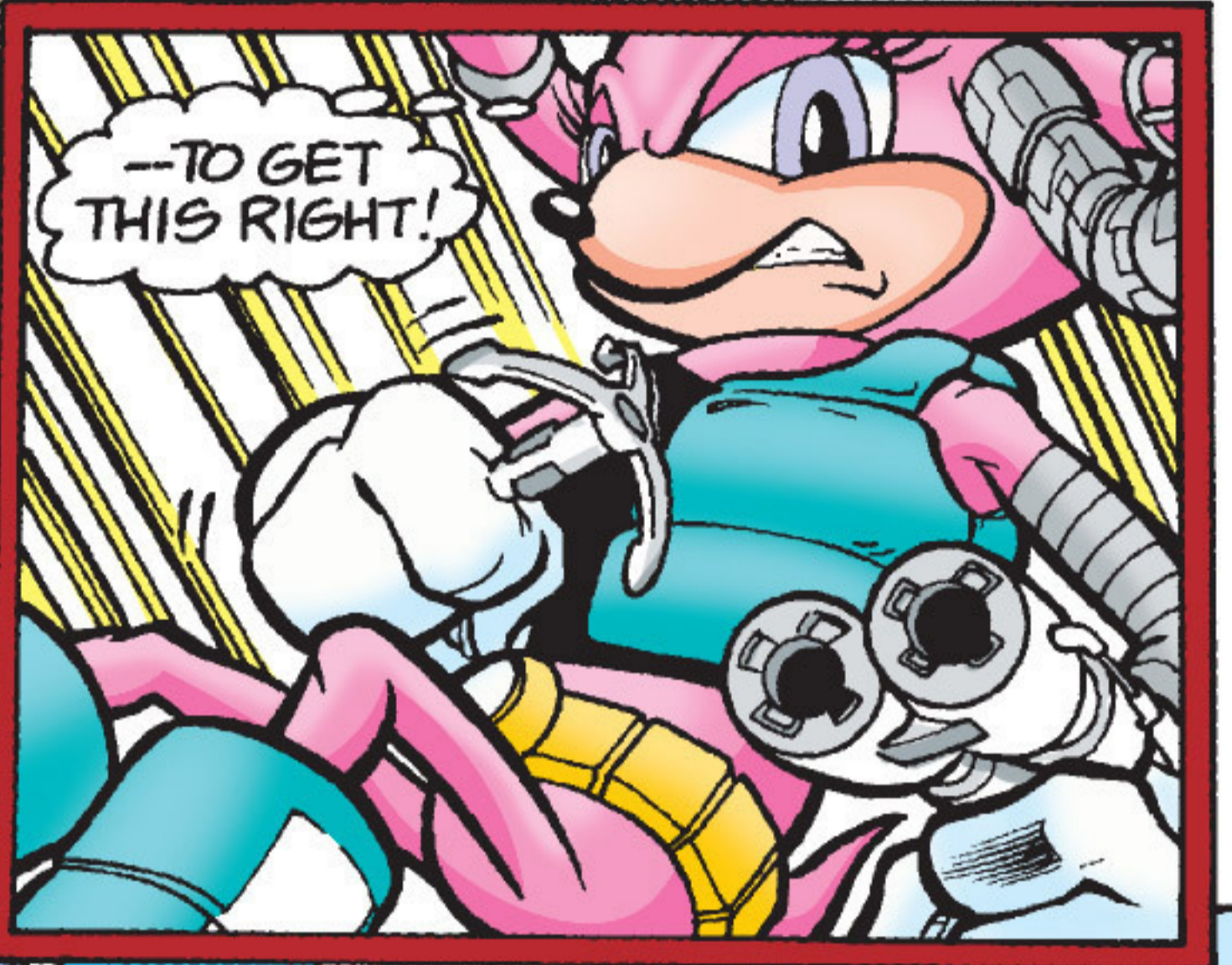
THE CHAOTIX™

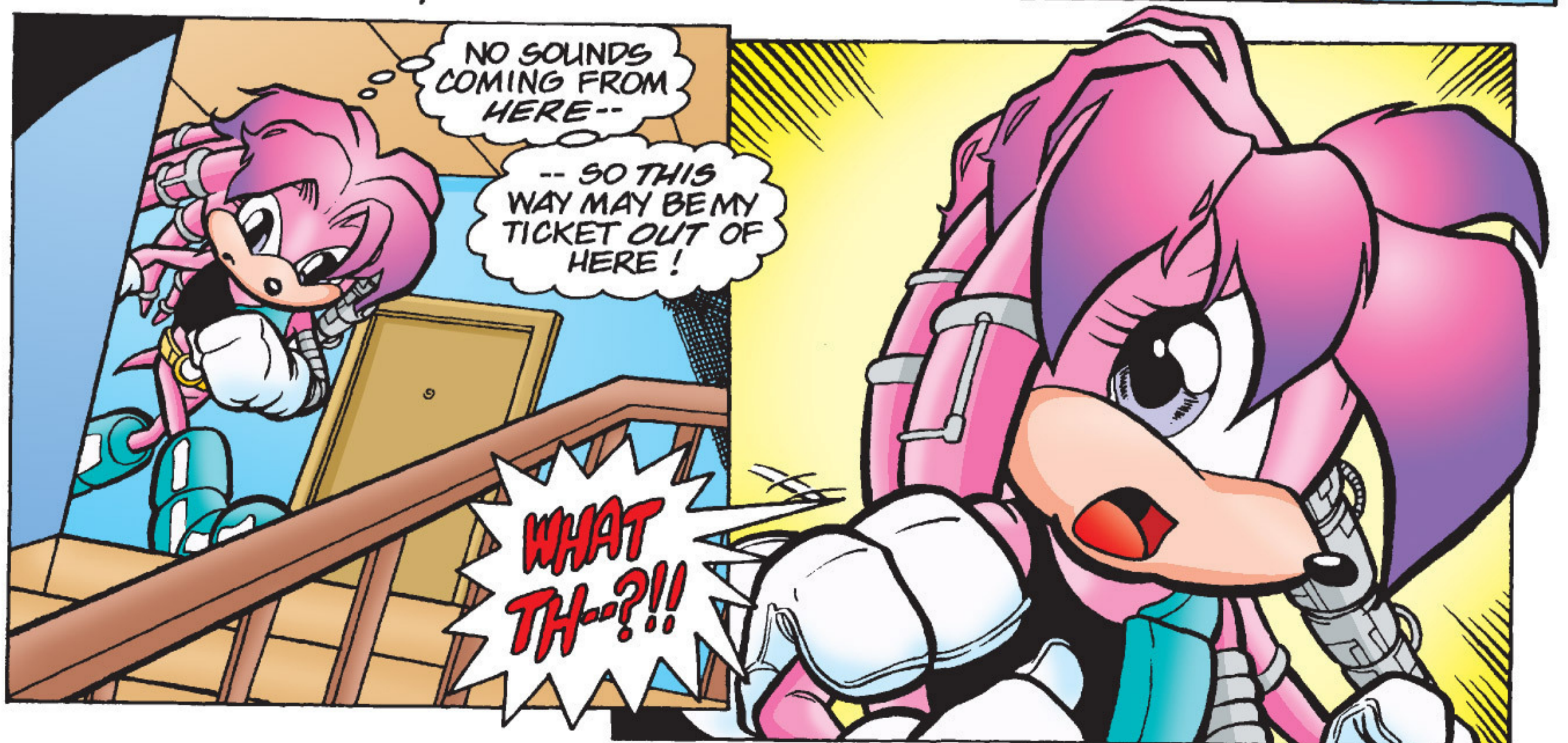
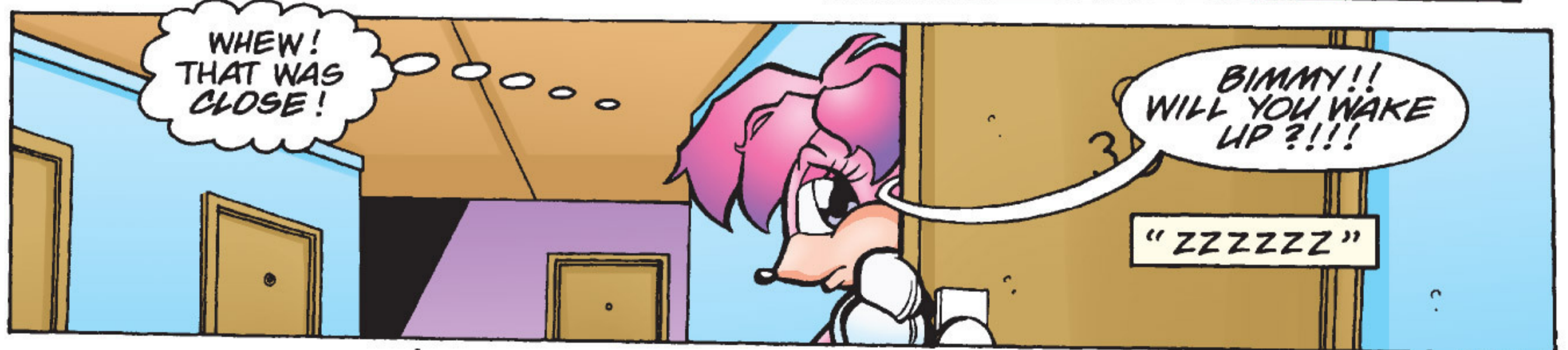
IN PICKING UP THE PIECES

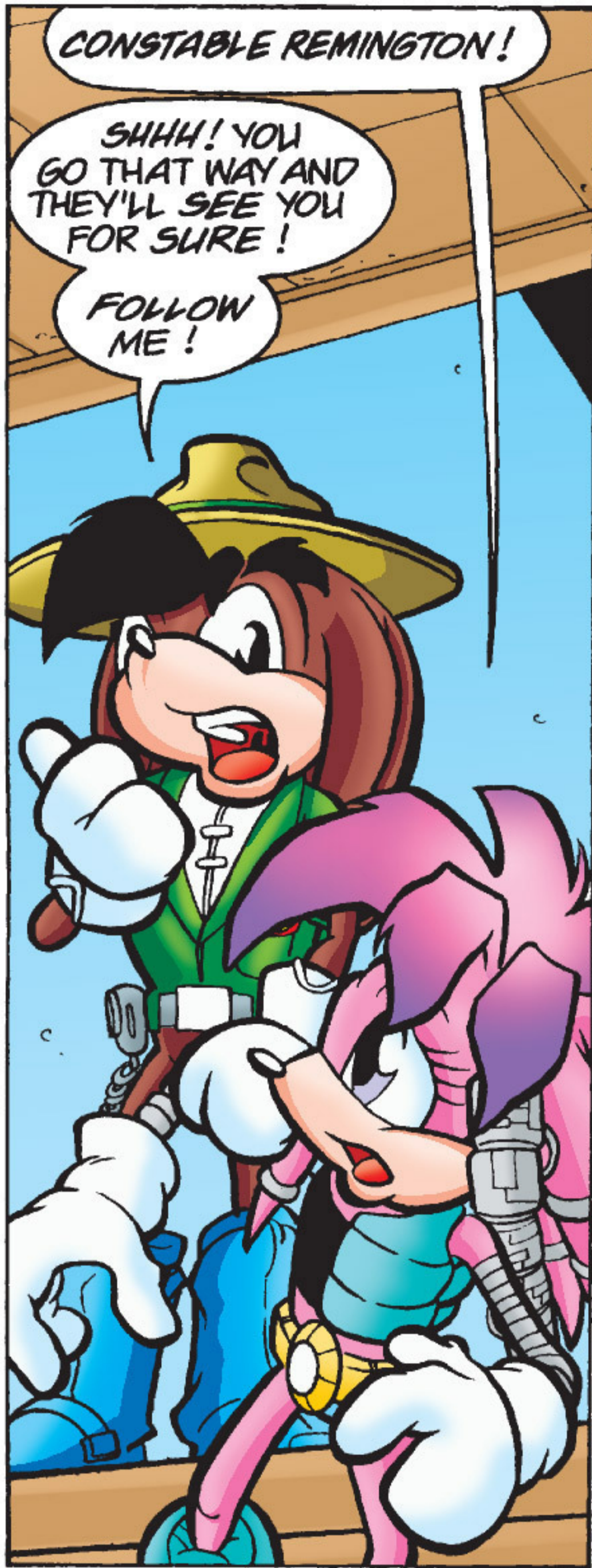




"--JUST BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP WHEN WE HIT STREET LEVEL! HA HA HA!"



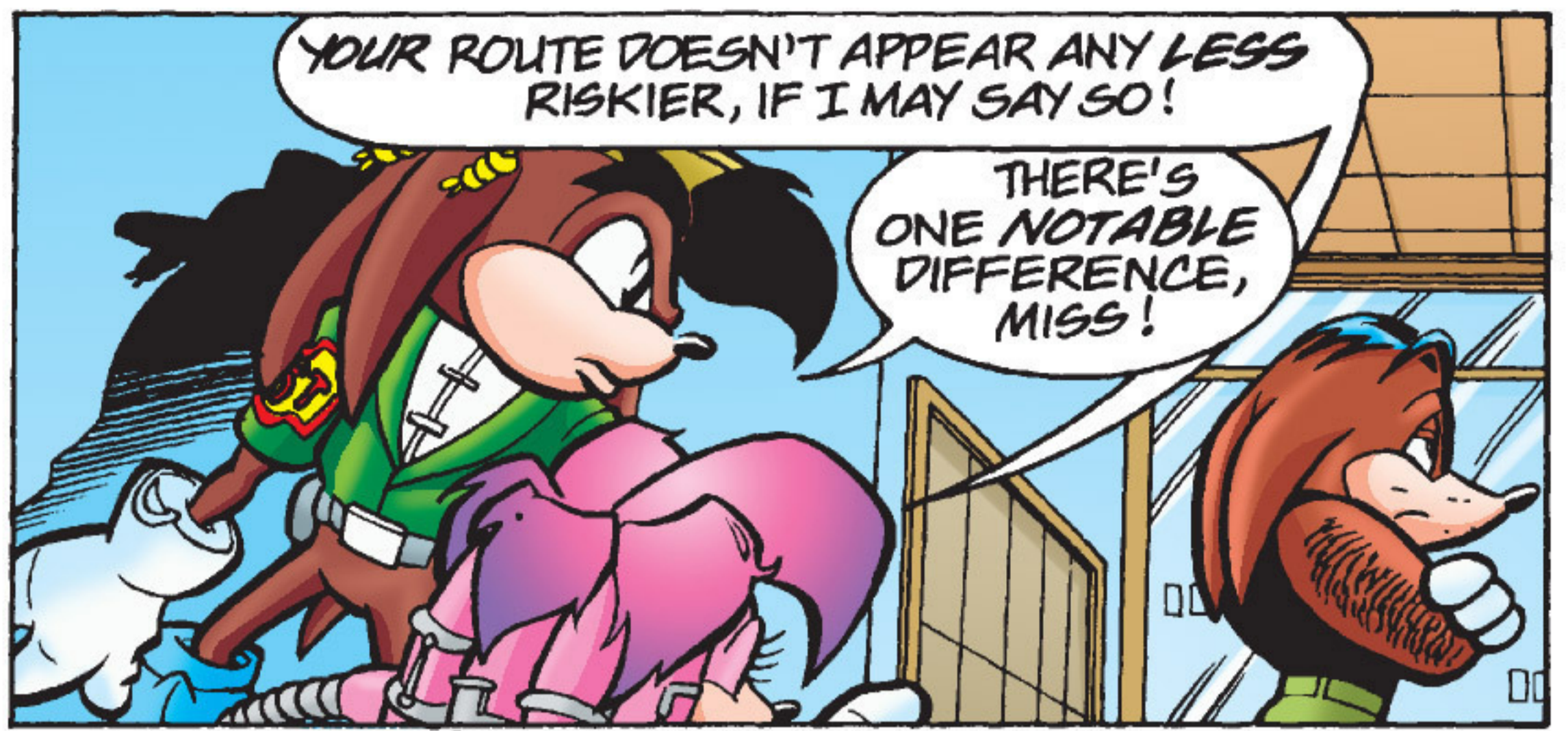




CONSTABLE REMINGTON!

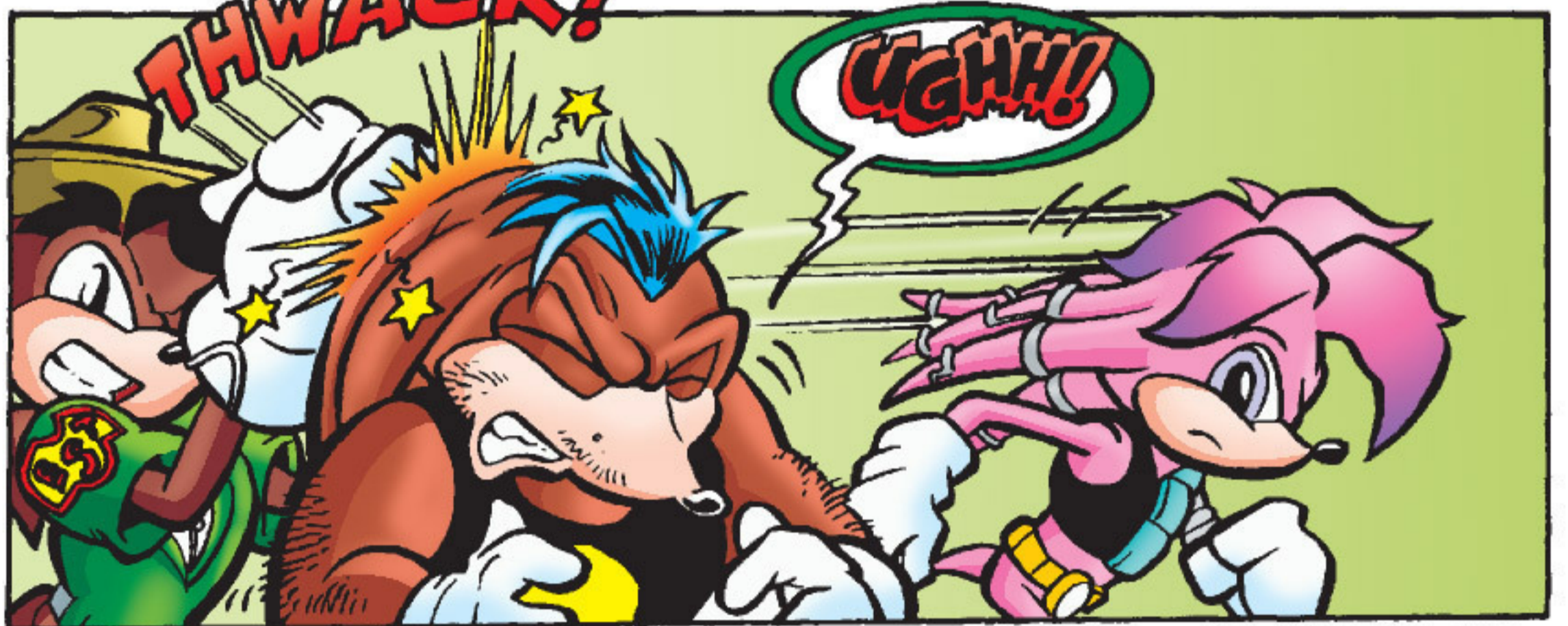
SHHH! YOU GO THAT WAY AND THEY'LL SEE YOU FOR SURE!

FOLLOW ME!



YOUR ROUTE DOESN'T APPEAR ANY LESS RISKIER, IF I MAY SAY SO!

THERE'S ONE NOTABLE DIFFERENCE, MISS!



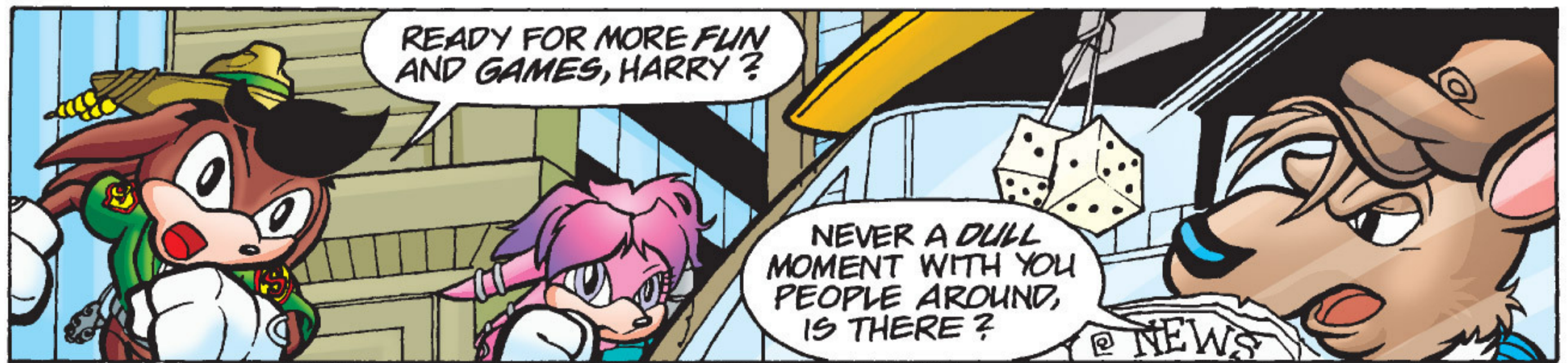
THWACK!

UGH!



HE WAS ONLY ONE! YOU WOULD'VE COME OUT THE FRONT WAY WHERE EVERYONE WAS GATHERING!

GOOD POINT!



READY FOR MORE FUN AND GAMES, HARRY?

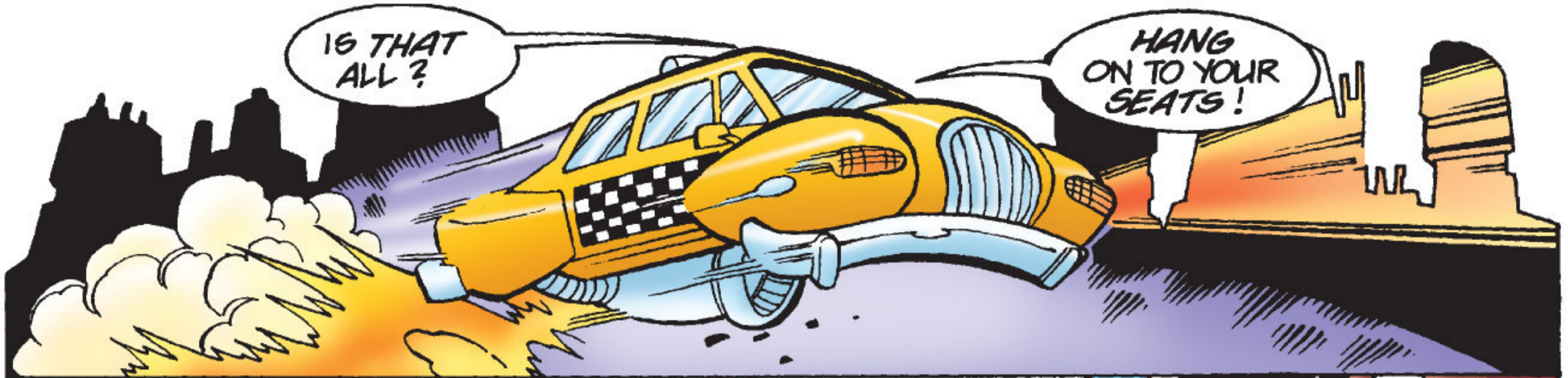
NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH YOU PEOPLE AROUND, IS THERE?



NOPE!

WHERE TO?

JUST FOLLOW THAT CAR!



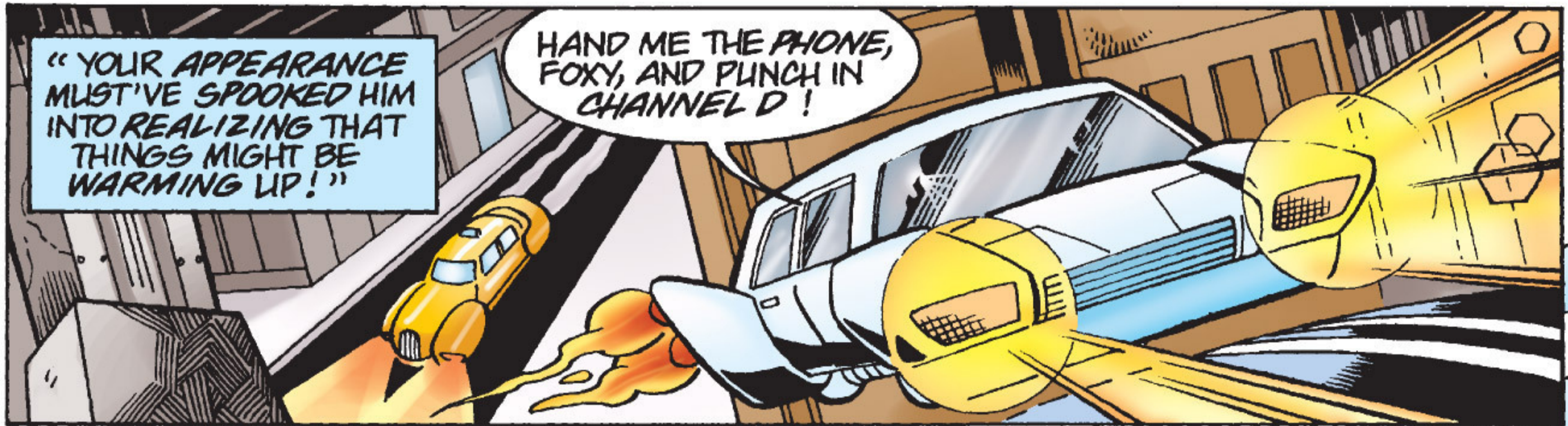
IS THAT ALL?

HANG ON TO YOUR SEATS!



WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S HEADING, CONSTABLE?

GOOD QUESTION! OUR FRIEND UP AHEAD WAS ABLE TO OPERATE BECAUSE WE WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION UNTIL THINGS STARTED GETTING OUT OF HAND!



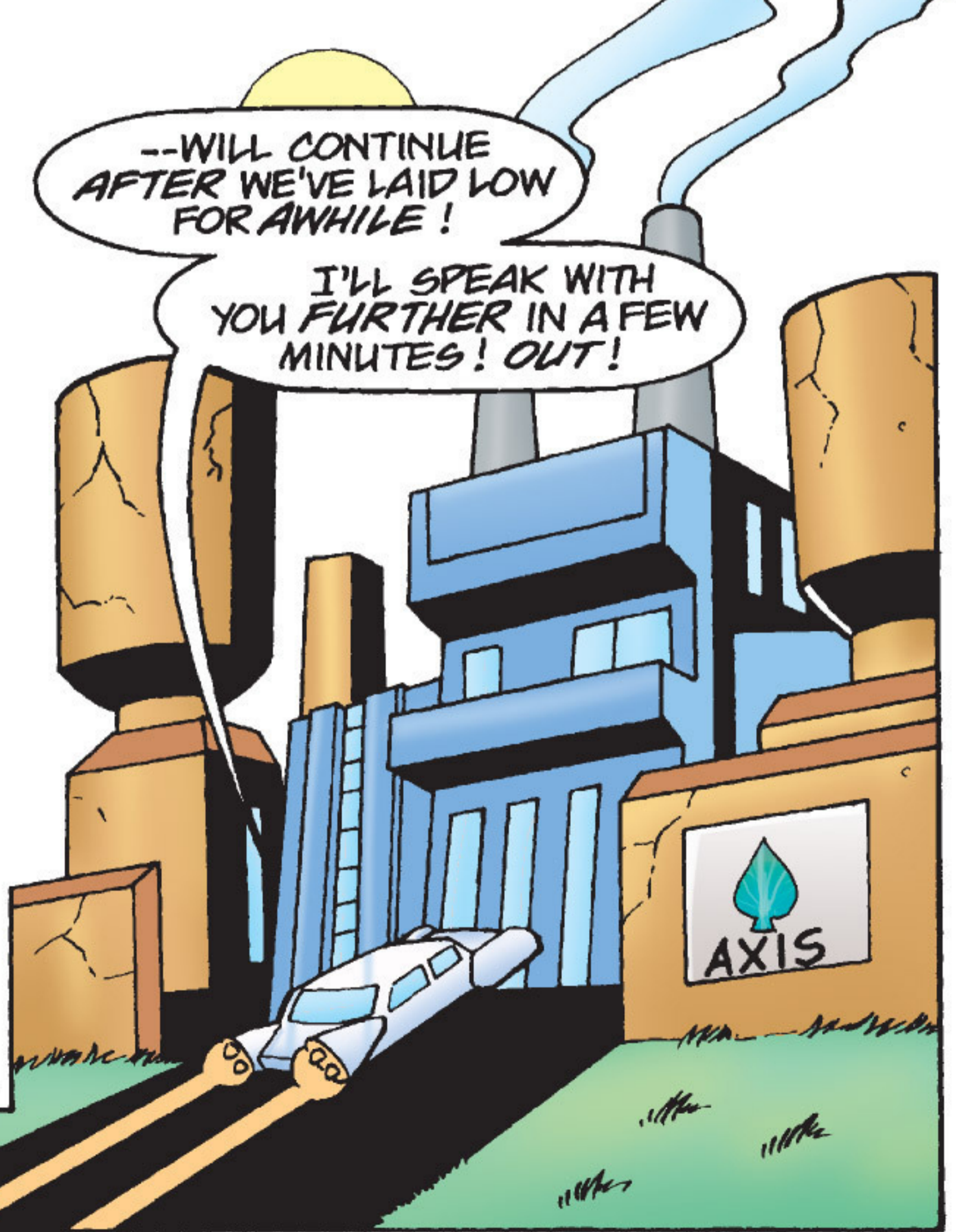
"YOUR APPEARANCE MUST'VE SPOOKED HIM INTO REALIZING THAT THINGS MIGHT BE WARMING UP!"

HAND ME THE PHONE, FOXY, AND PUNCH IN CHANNEL D!



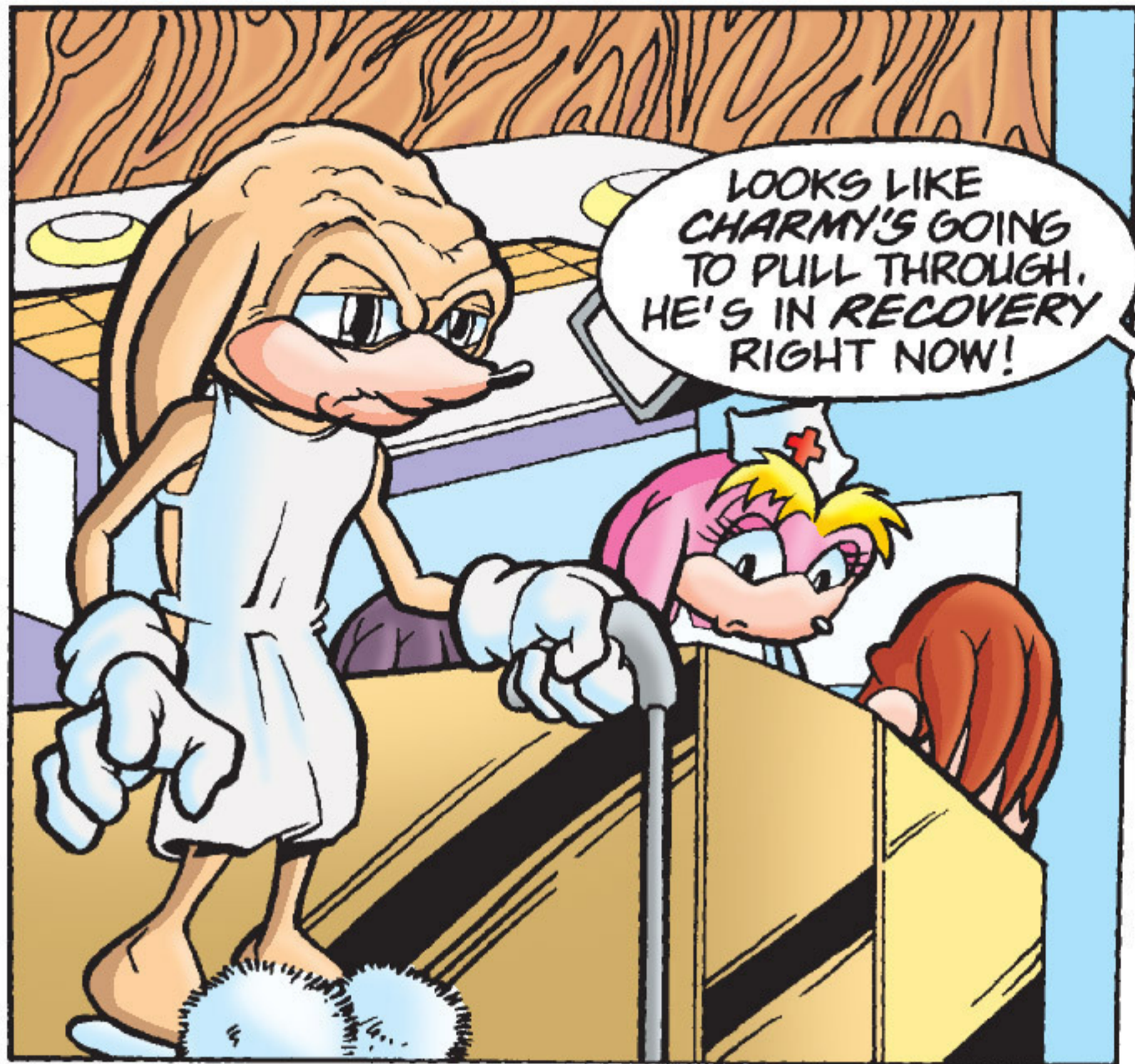
PROFESSOR, I WANT YOU TO BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN OPERATIONS AND PREPARING TO MOVE OUT!

BUT ALL OUR WORK--

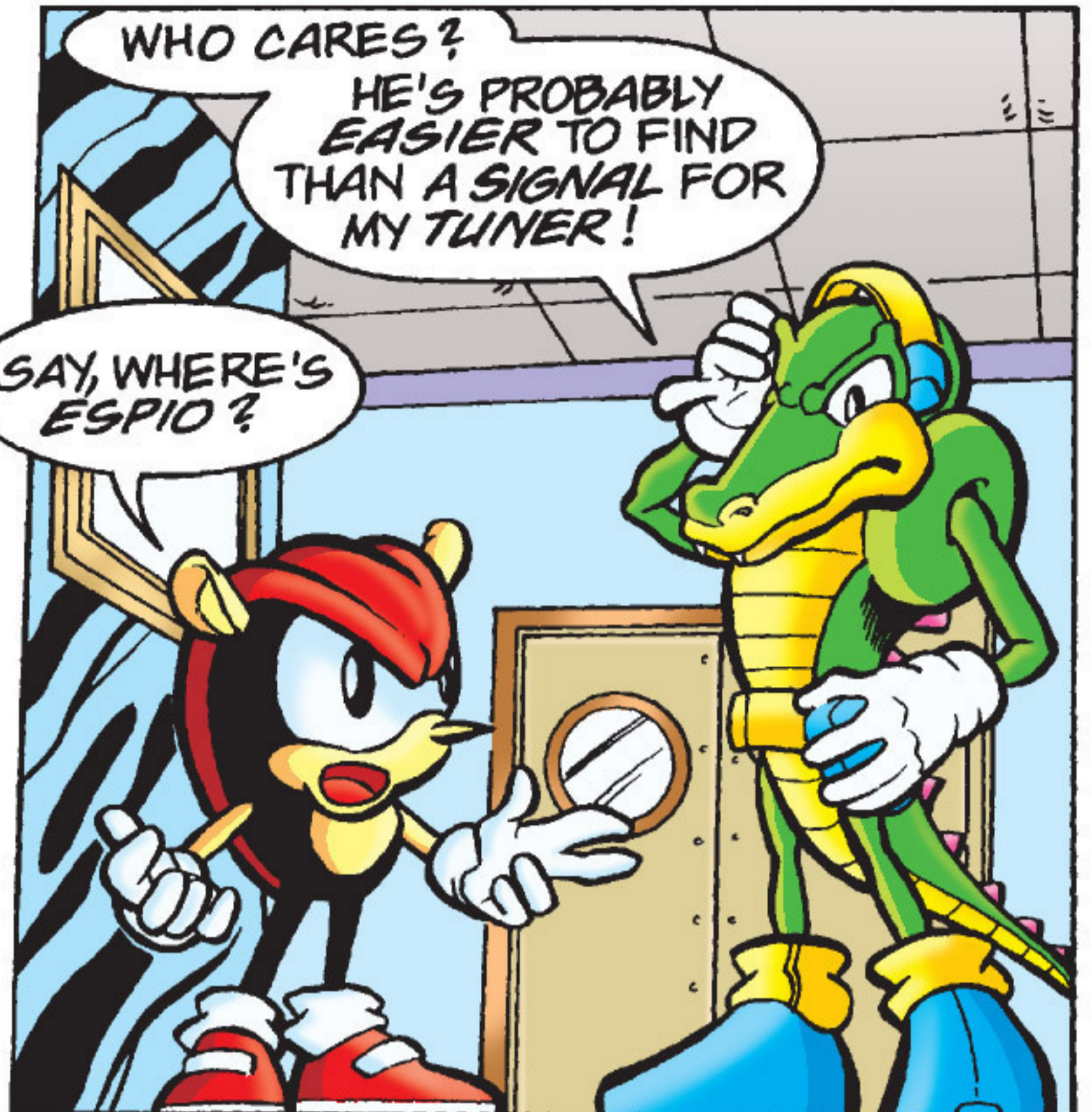


--WILL CONTINUE AFTER WE'VE LAID LOW FOR AWHILE!

I'LL SPEAK WITH YOU FURTHER IN A FEW MINUTES! OUT!

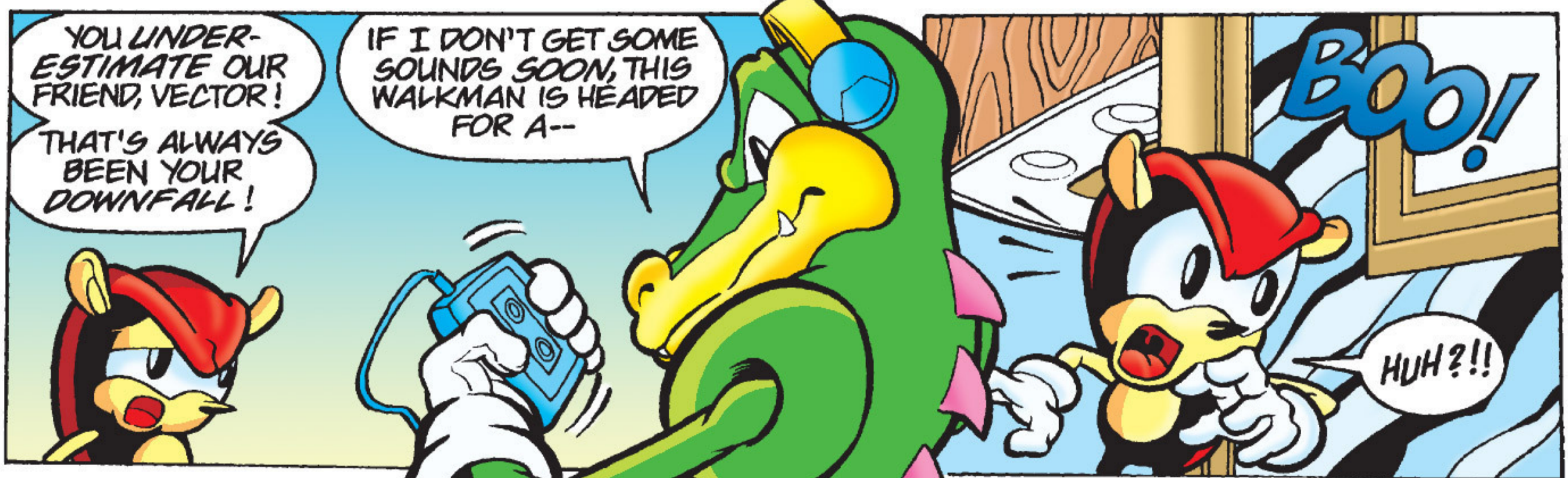


LOOKS LIKE CHARMY'S GOING TO PULL THROUGH. HE'S IN RECOVERY RIGHT NOW!



SAY, WHERE'S ESPIO?

WHO CARES? HE'S PROBABLY EASIER TO FIND THAN A SIGNAL FOR MY TUNER!



YOU UNDERESTIMATE OUR FRIEND, VECTOR! THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOUR DOWNFALL!

IF I DON'T GET SOME SOUNDS SOON, THIS WALKMAN IS HEADED FOR A--

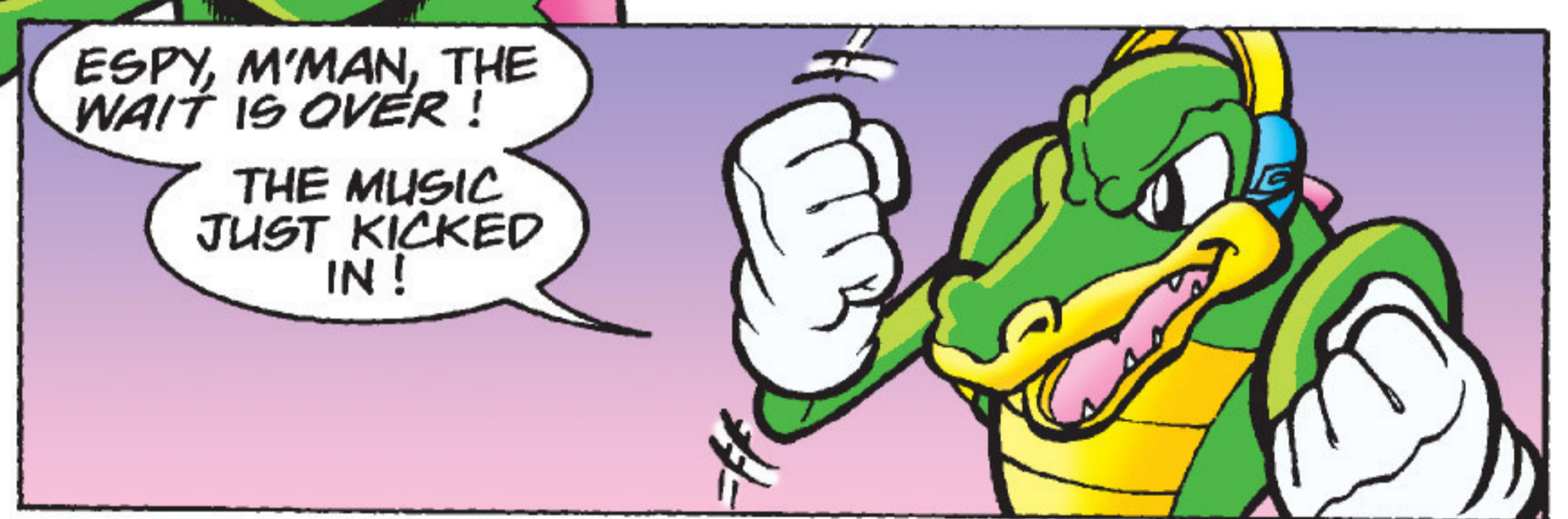
HUH?!!

Boo!



ESPION?!! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!! YOU NEARLY SCARED ME OUT OF MY SKULL!!

I GOT BORED WAITING FOR VECTOR TO FIX THAT THING!



ESPY, M'MAN, THE WAIT IS OVER! THE MUSIC JUST KICKED IN!

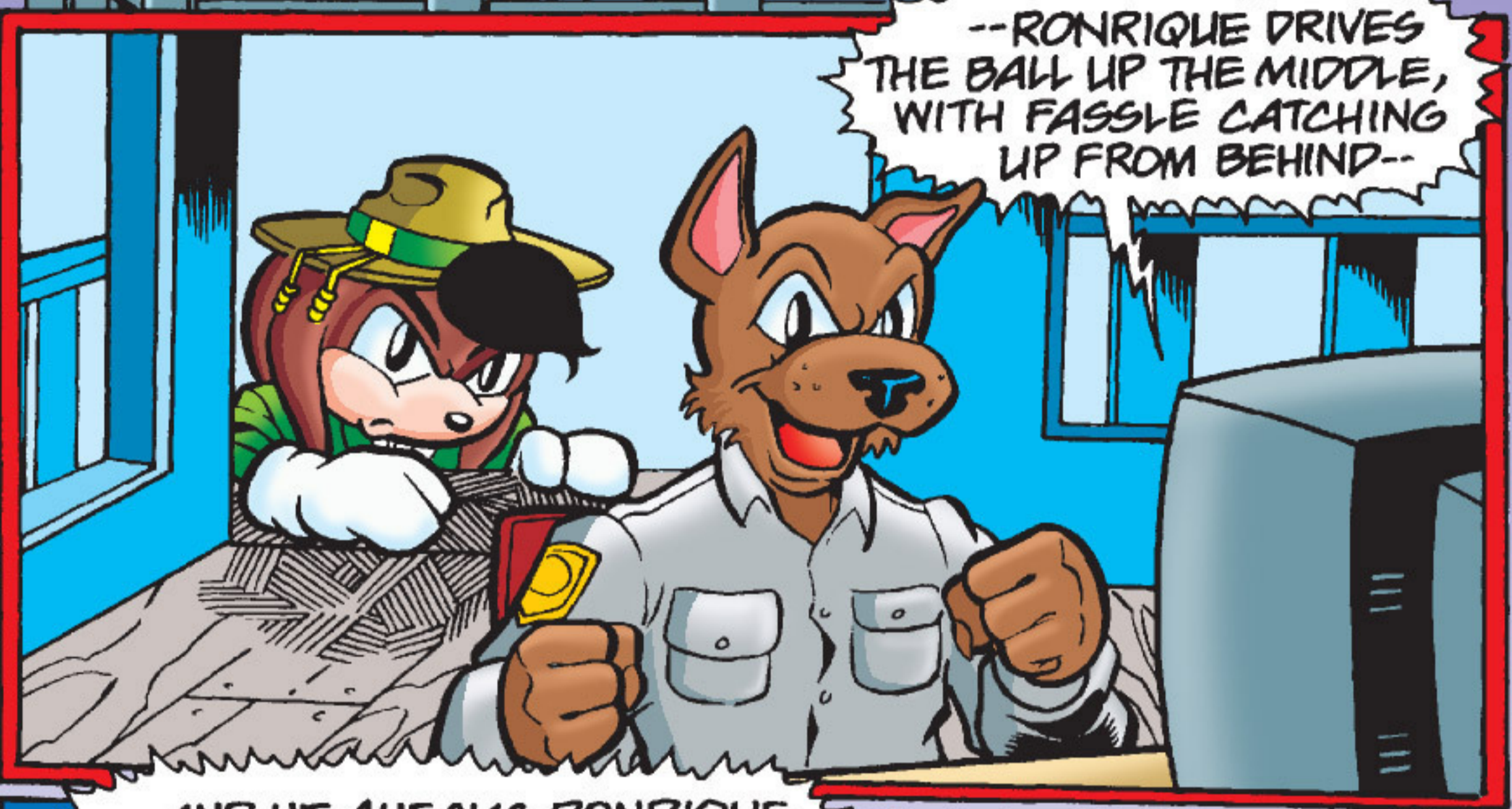


THIS IS NO TIME FOR YOUR TUNES, VECTOR!

SHUT IT, MIGHTY...

...JUST ZEROED IN ON THE POLICE BAND--

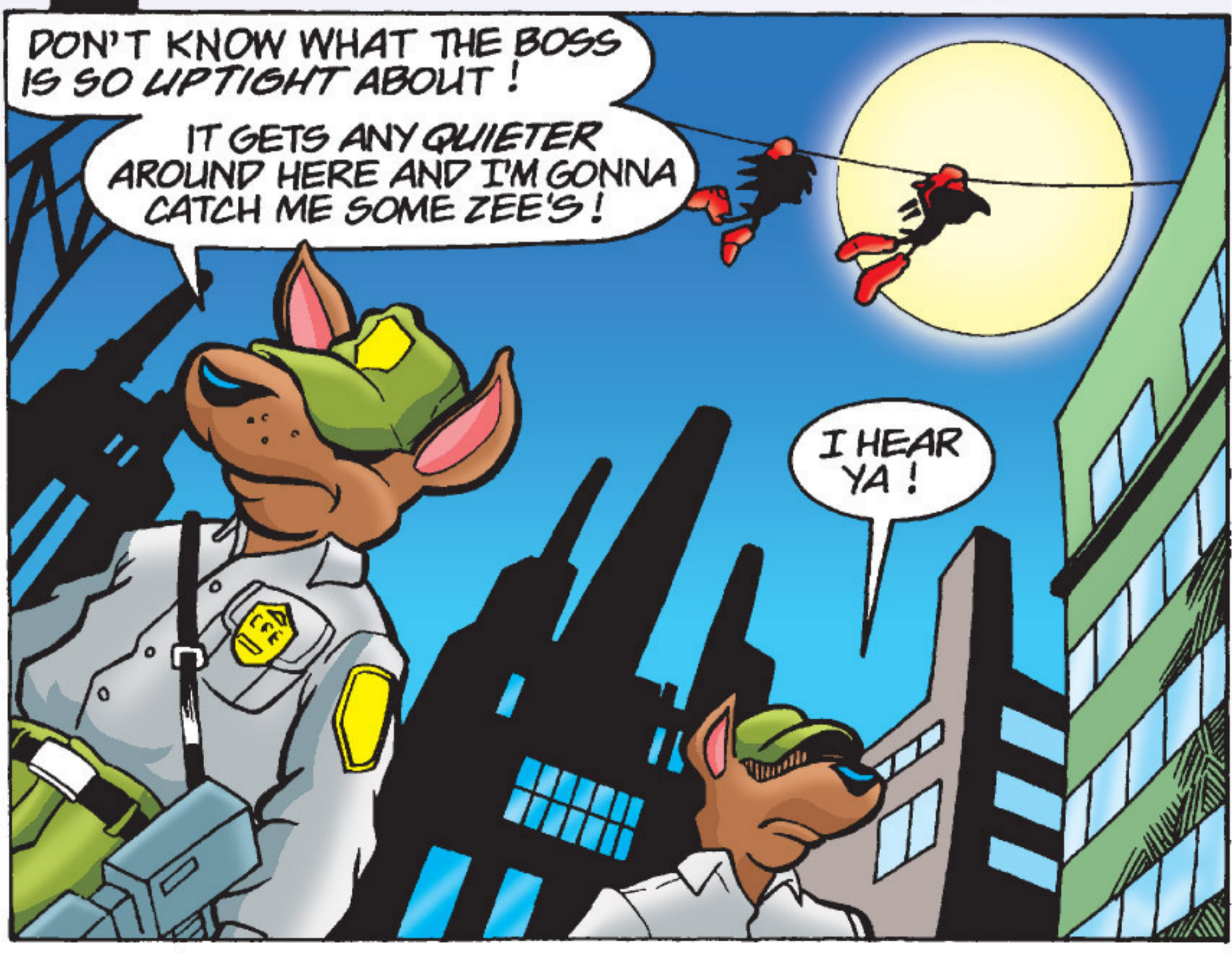
"-- AND I JUST HEARD
DUDLEY DO-RIGHT
AND JULIE LOCKS
ARE GOING MEDIEVAL
IN THE SOUTHTOWNS!"



--RONRIQUE DRIVES
THE BALL UP THE MIDDLE,
WITH FASSLE CATCHING
UP FROM BEHIND--



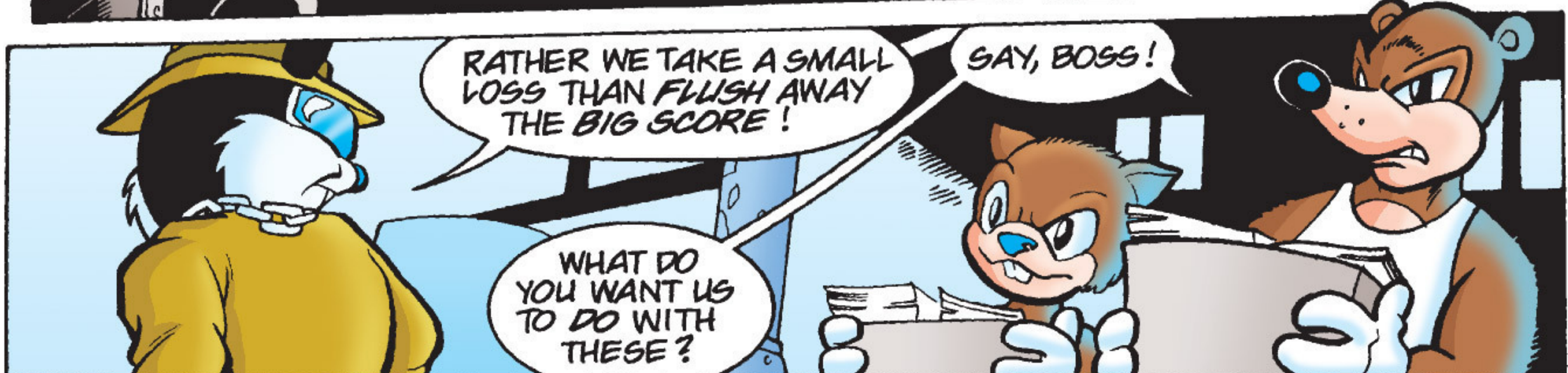
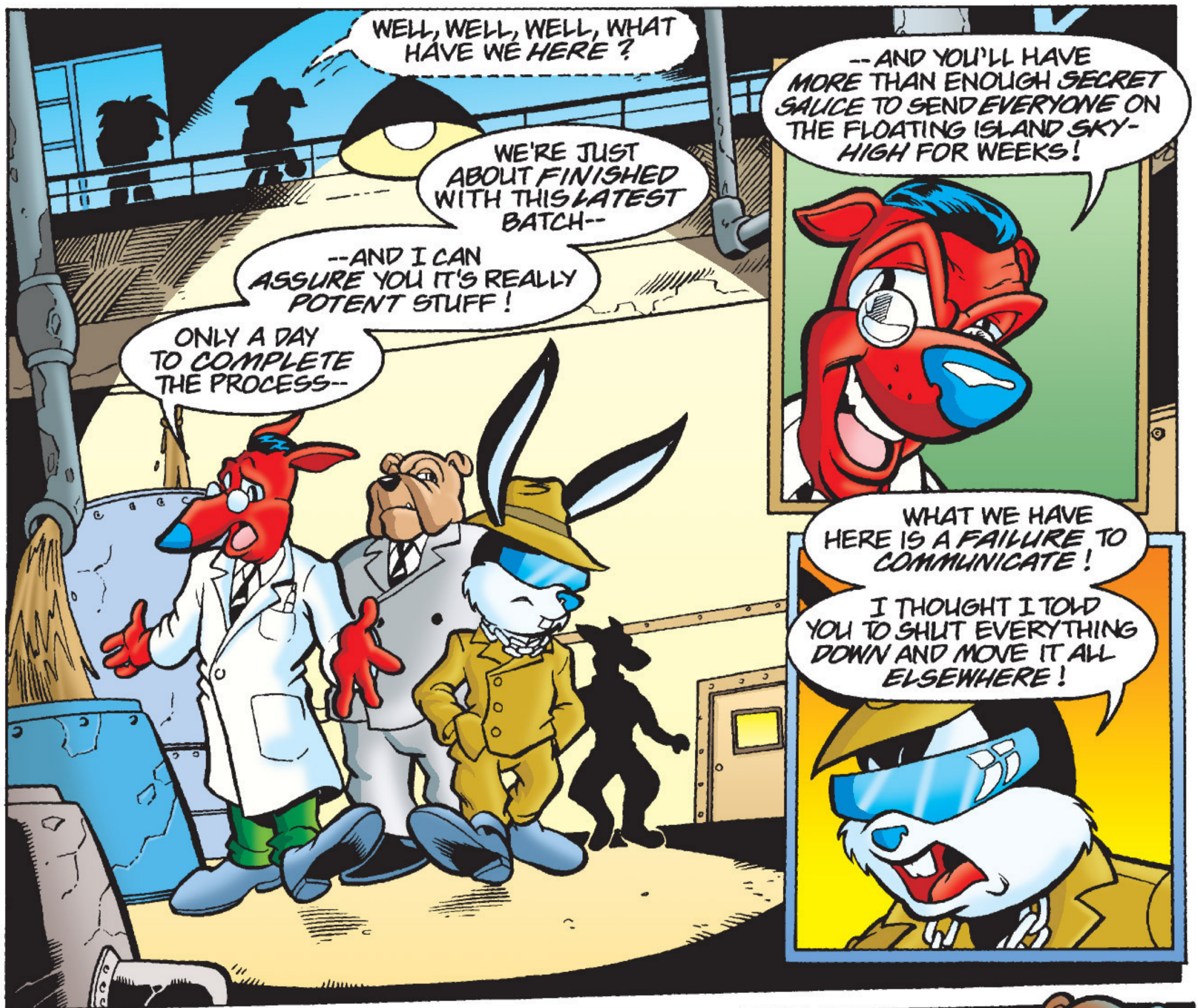
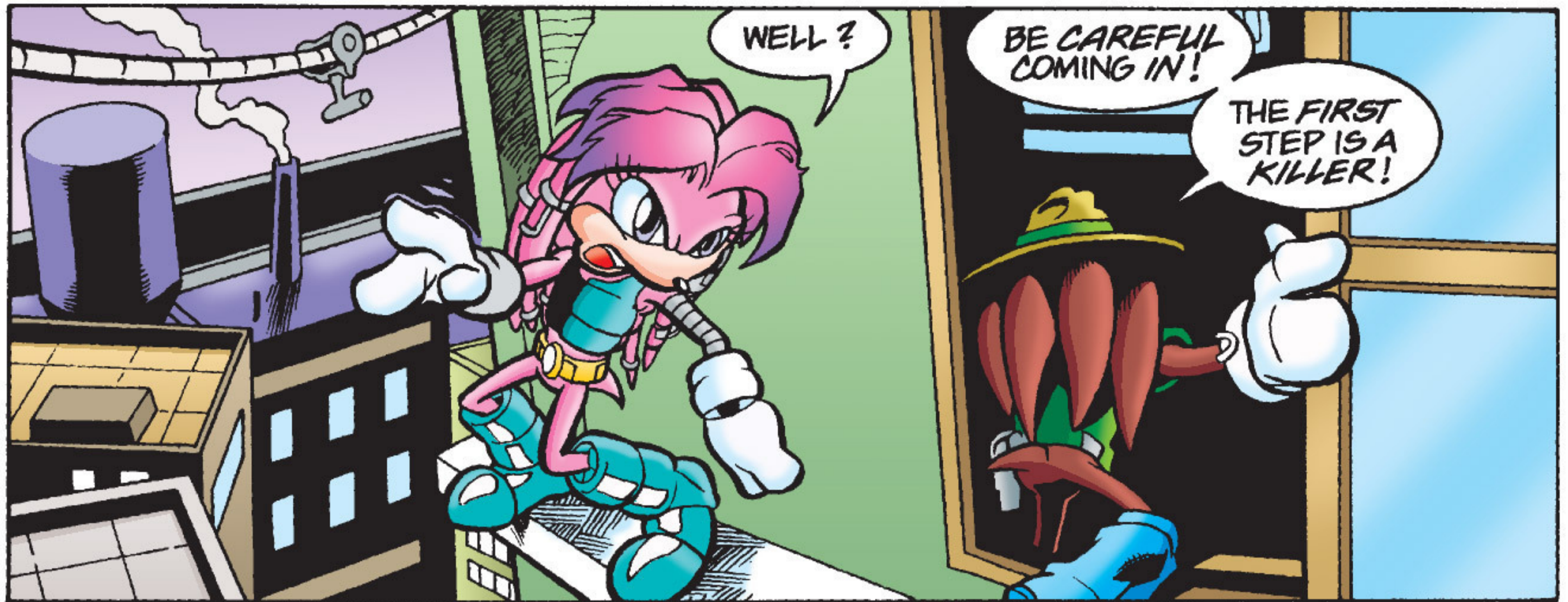
--AND HE CHECKS RONRIQUE
INTO THE POST !! OH, MAN !!!
WHAT A HIT !!!



DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BOSS
IS SO UPTIGHT ABOUT !

IT GETS ANY QUIETER
AROUND HERE AND I'M GONNA
CATCH ME SOME ZEE'S !

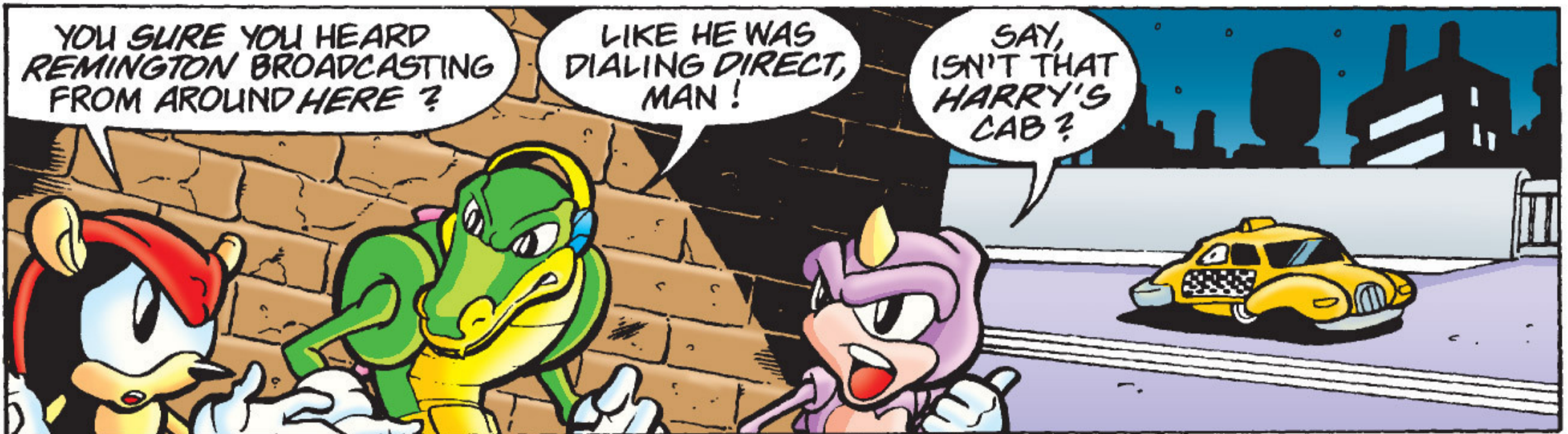
I HEAR
YA !





"THROW 'EM IN THE LIMO'S TRUNK, THEN CHECK TO SEE WHAT ELSE IS AROUND!"

END OF THE LINE, GUYS!



YOU SURE YOU HEARD REMINGTON BROADCASTING FROM AROUND HERE?

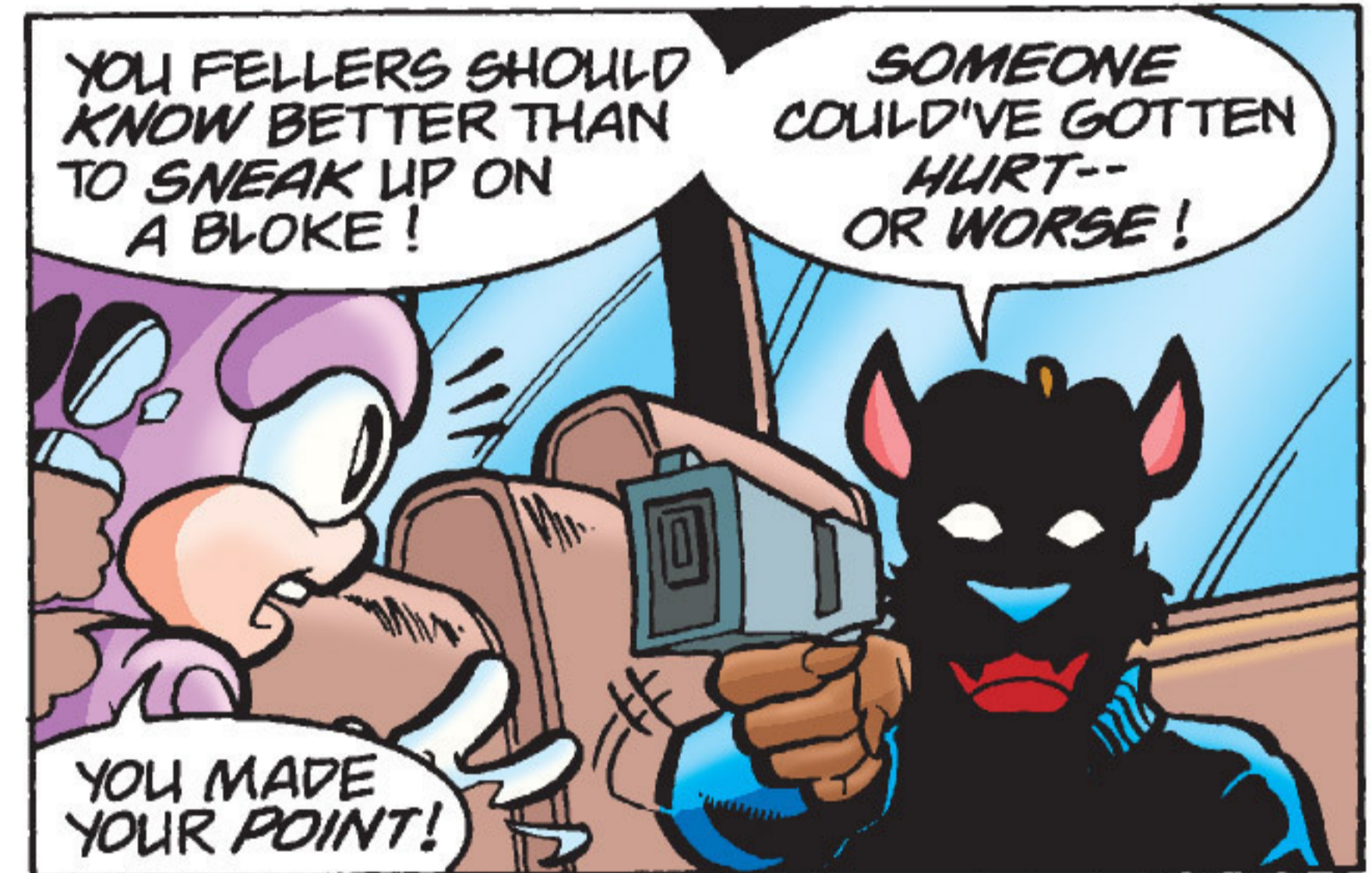
LIKE HE WAS DIALING DIRECT, MAN!

SAY, ISN'T THAT HARRY'S CAB?



WHAT WOULD HE BE DOING HERE?

WHY DON'T WE ASK HIM?



YOU FELLERS SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO SNEAK UP ON A BLOKE!

SOMEONE COULD'VE GOTTEN HURT-- OR WORSE!

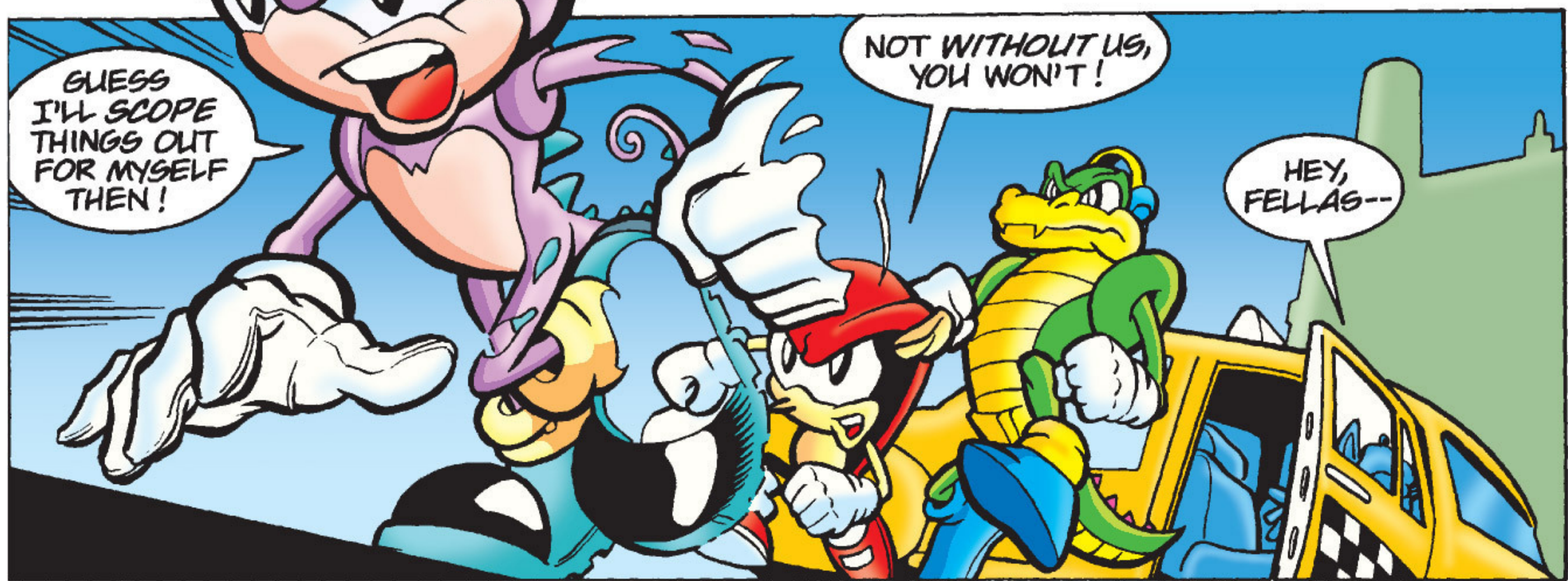
YOU MADE YOUR POINT!



TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, I DROVE YOUR FRIENDS HERE!

THEY WENT INSIDE THAT CHEMICAL PLANT ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES AGO--

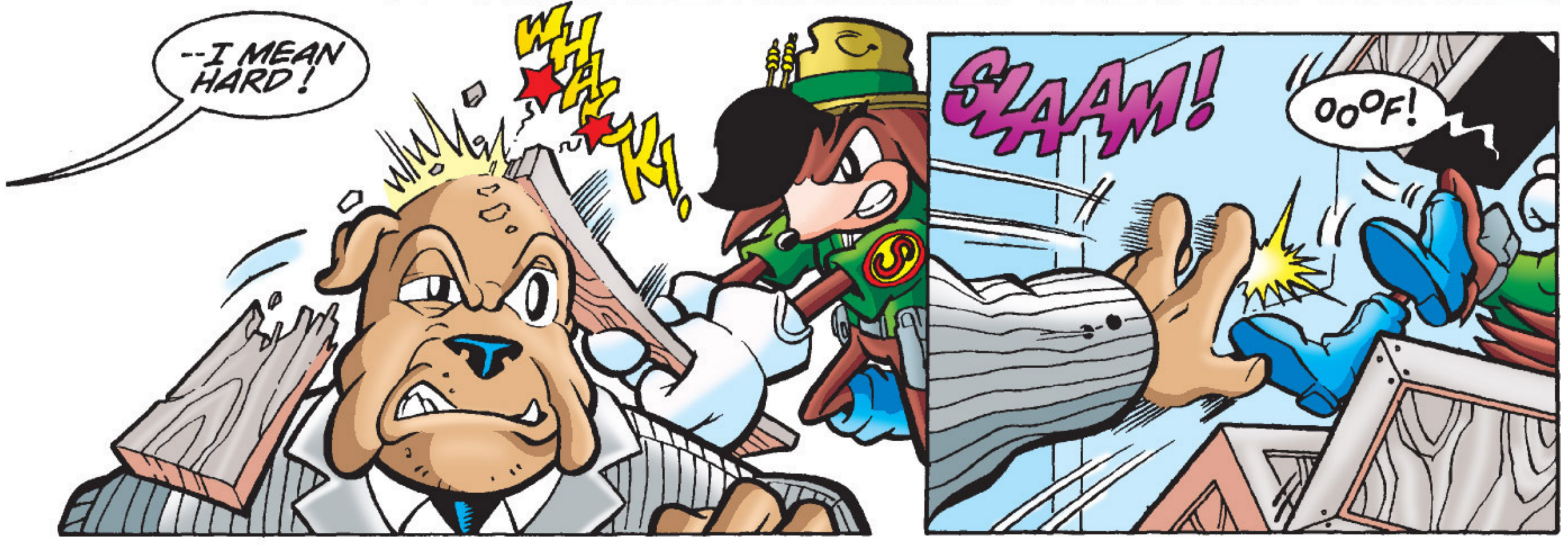
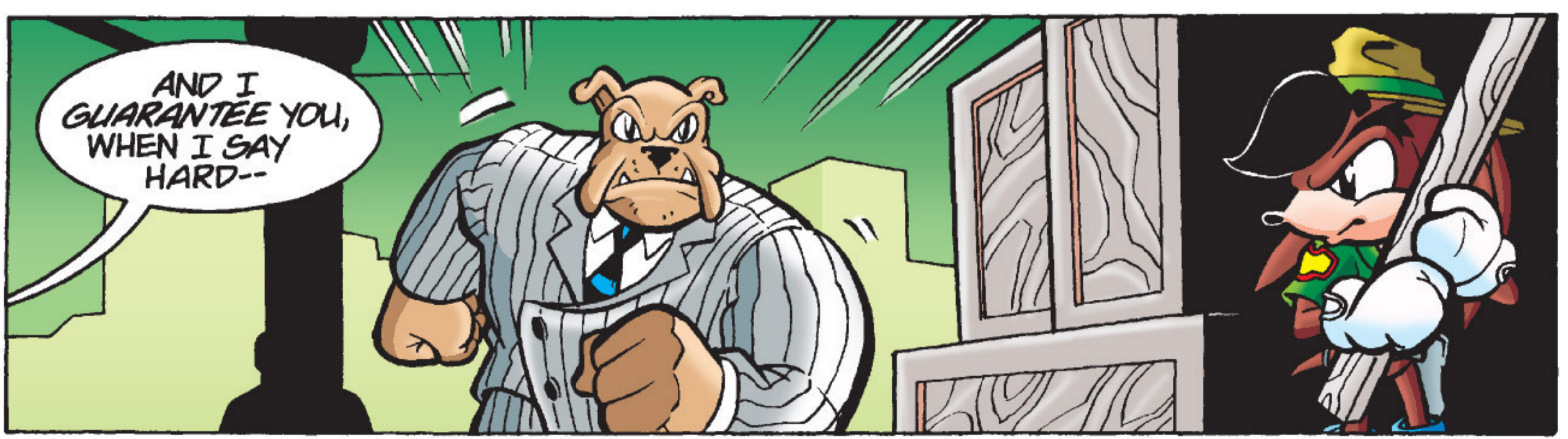
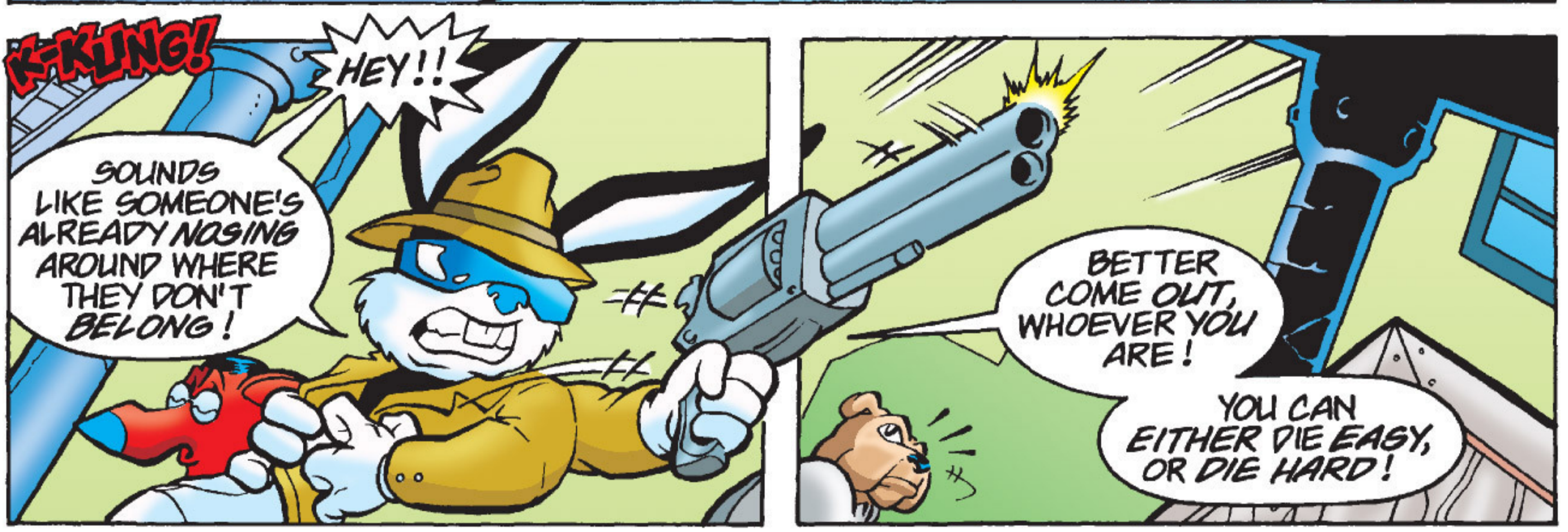
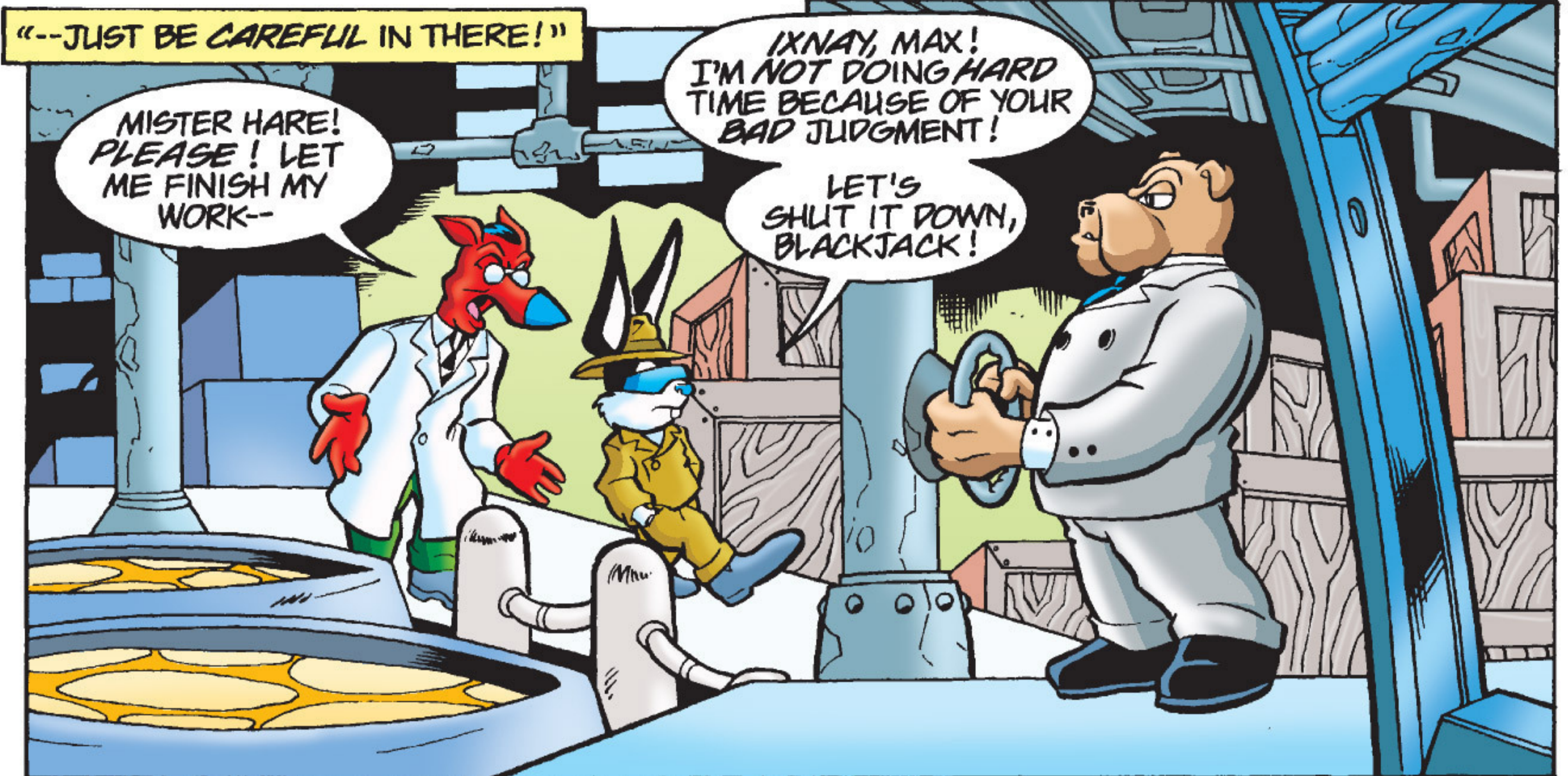
-- AND NOBODY'S COME OUT SINCE!

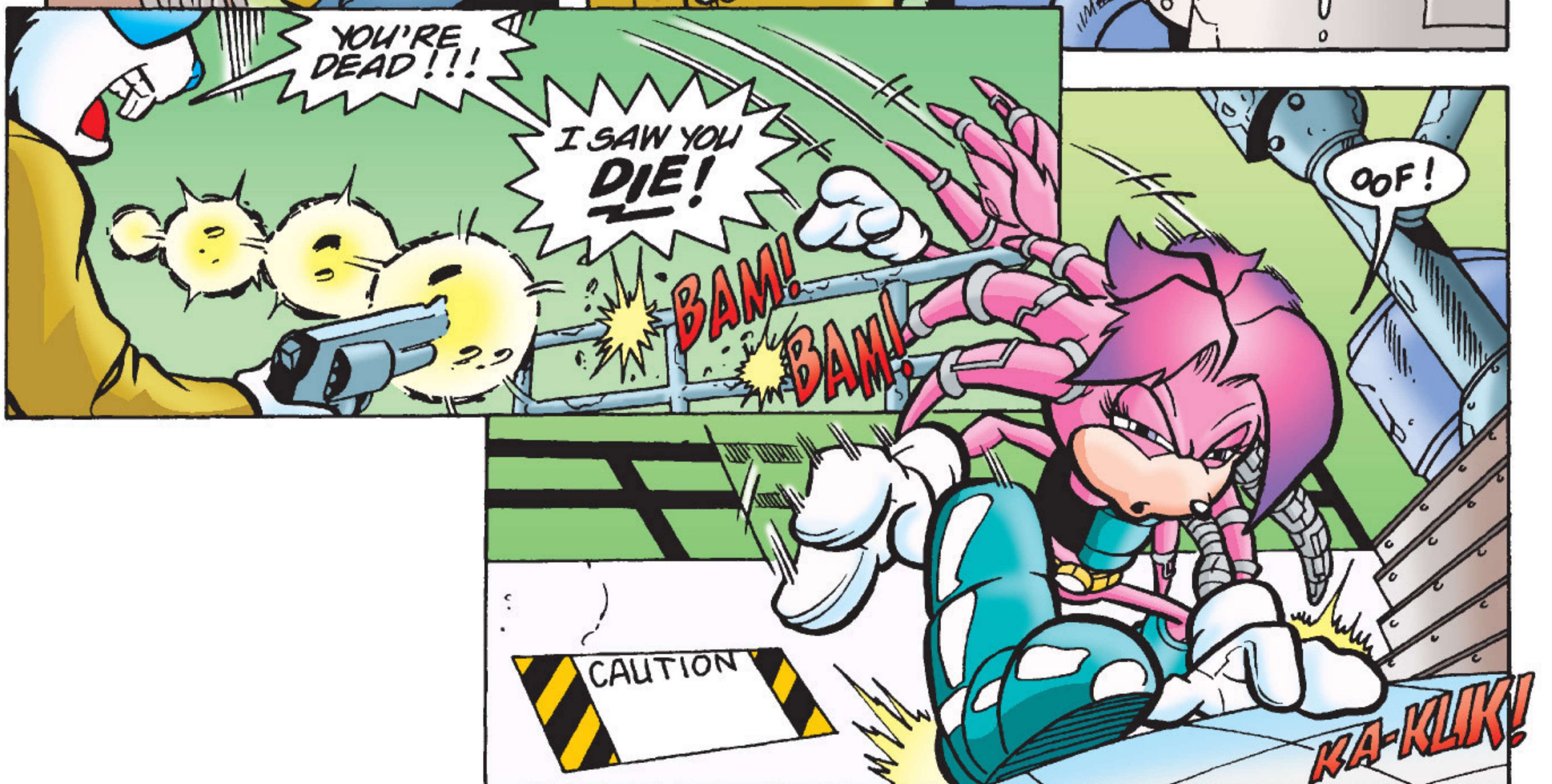
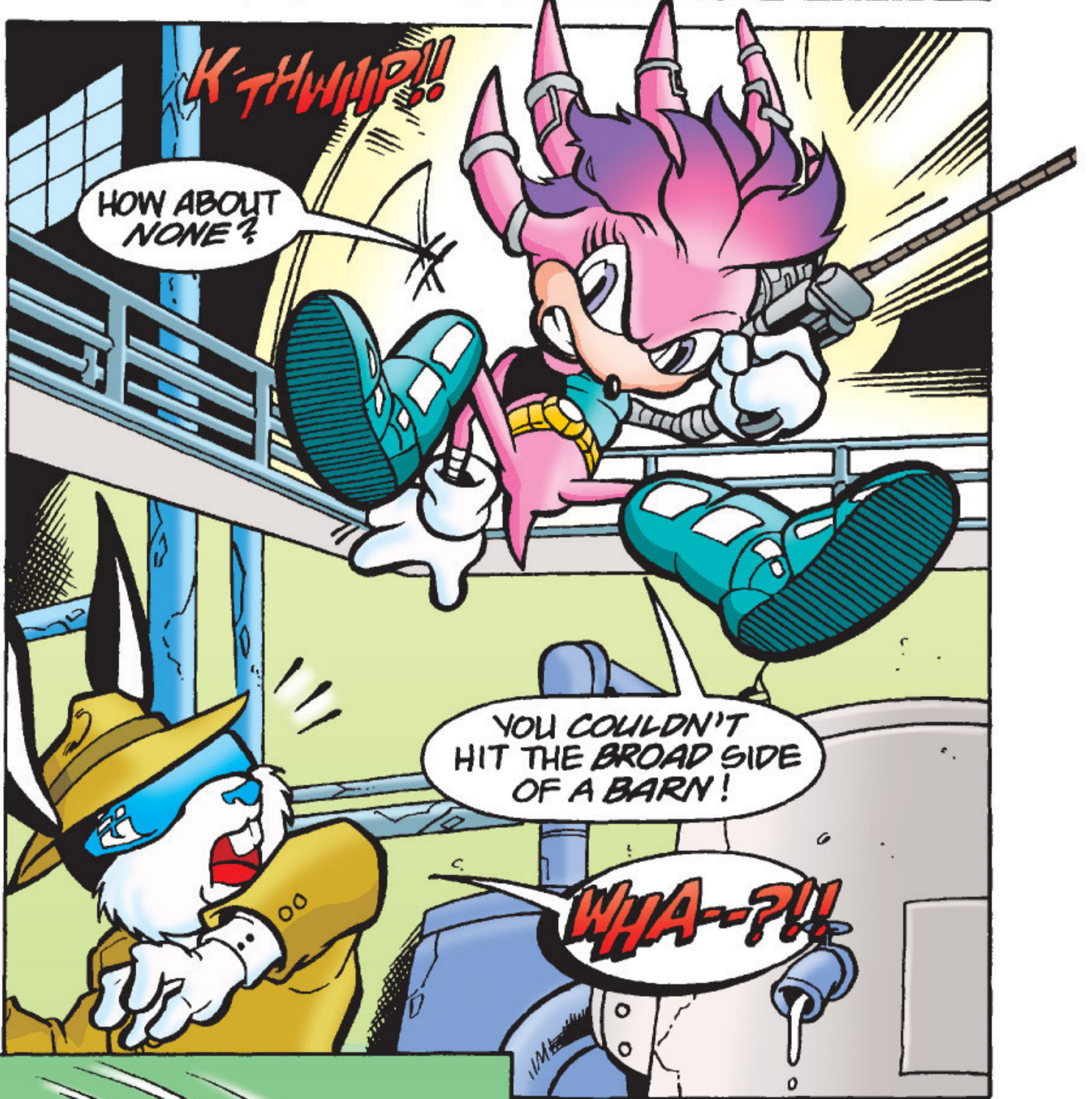
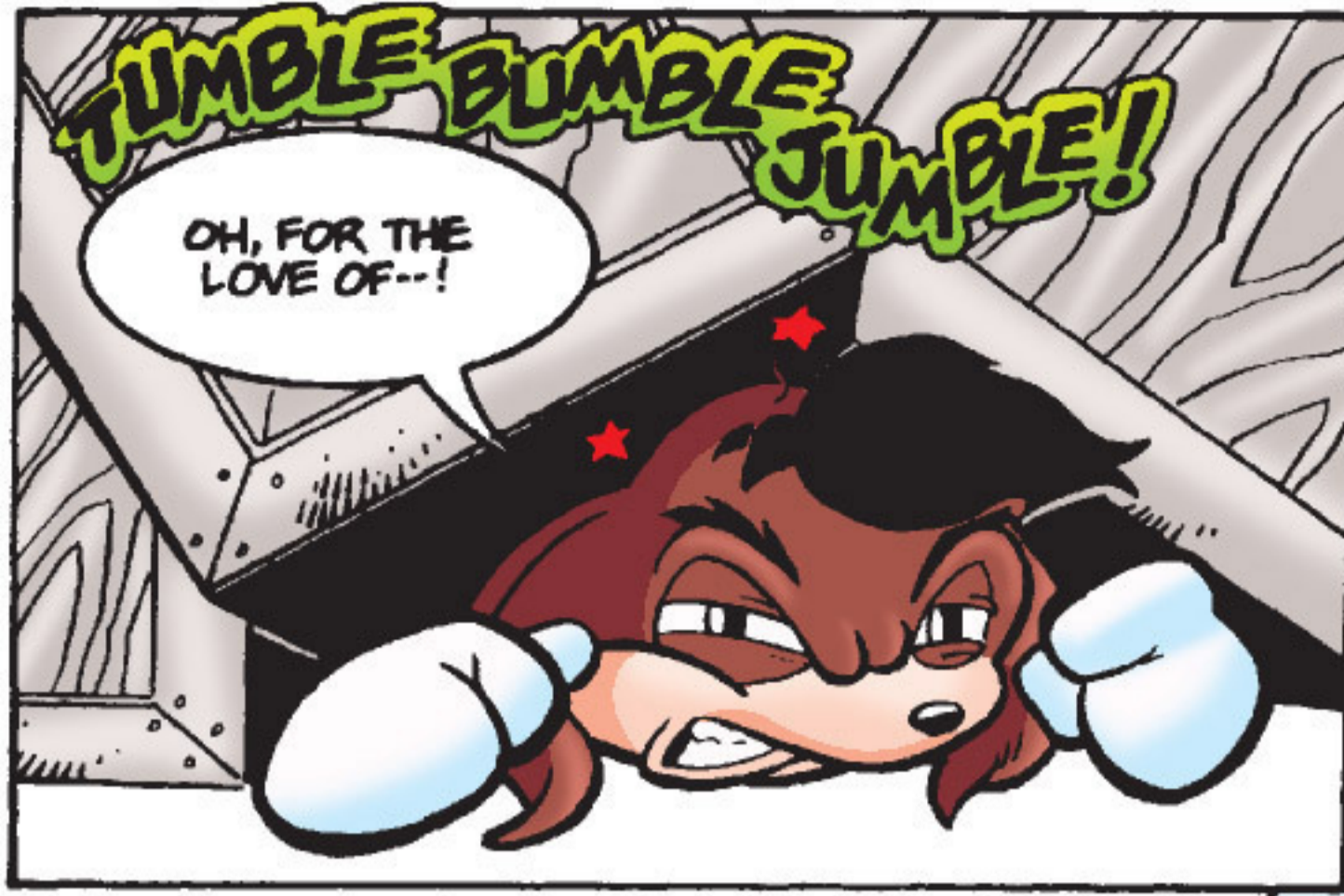


GUESS I'LL SCOPE THINGS OUT FOR MYSELF THEN!

NOT WITHOUT US, YOU WON'T!

HEY, FELLAS--

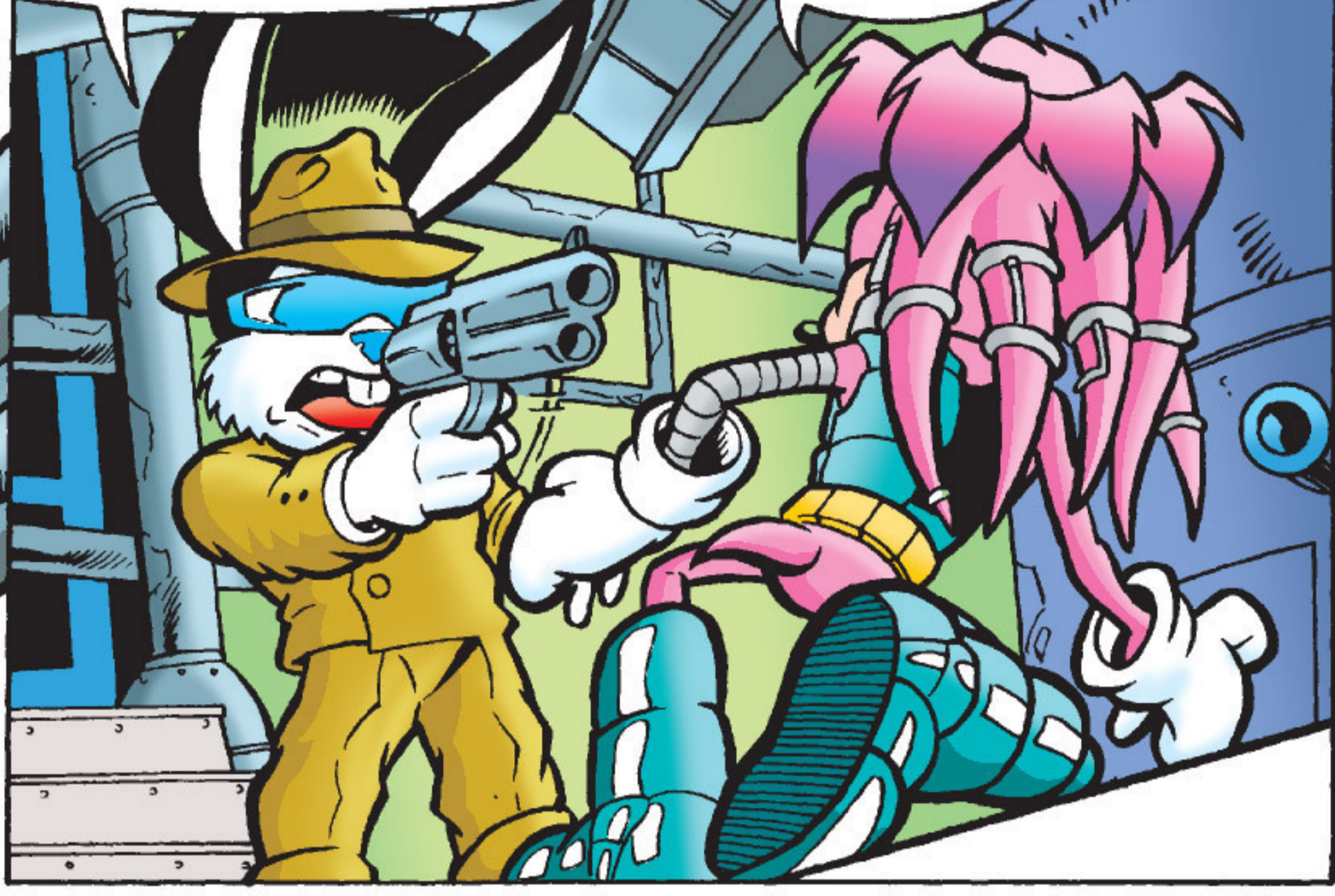






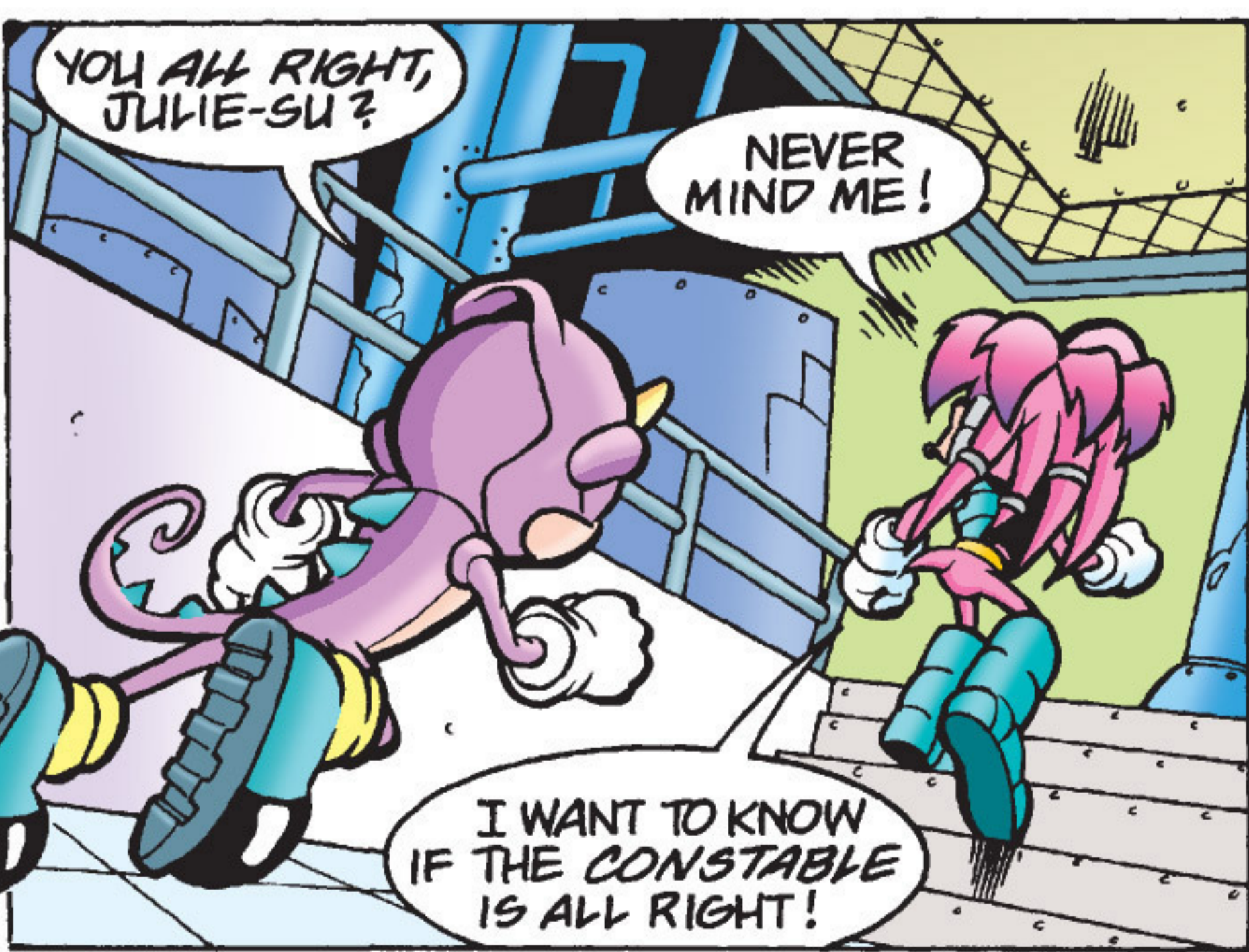
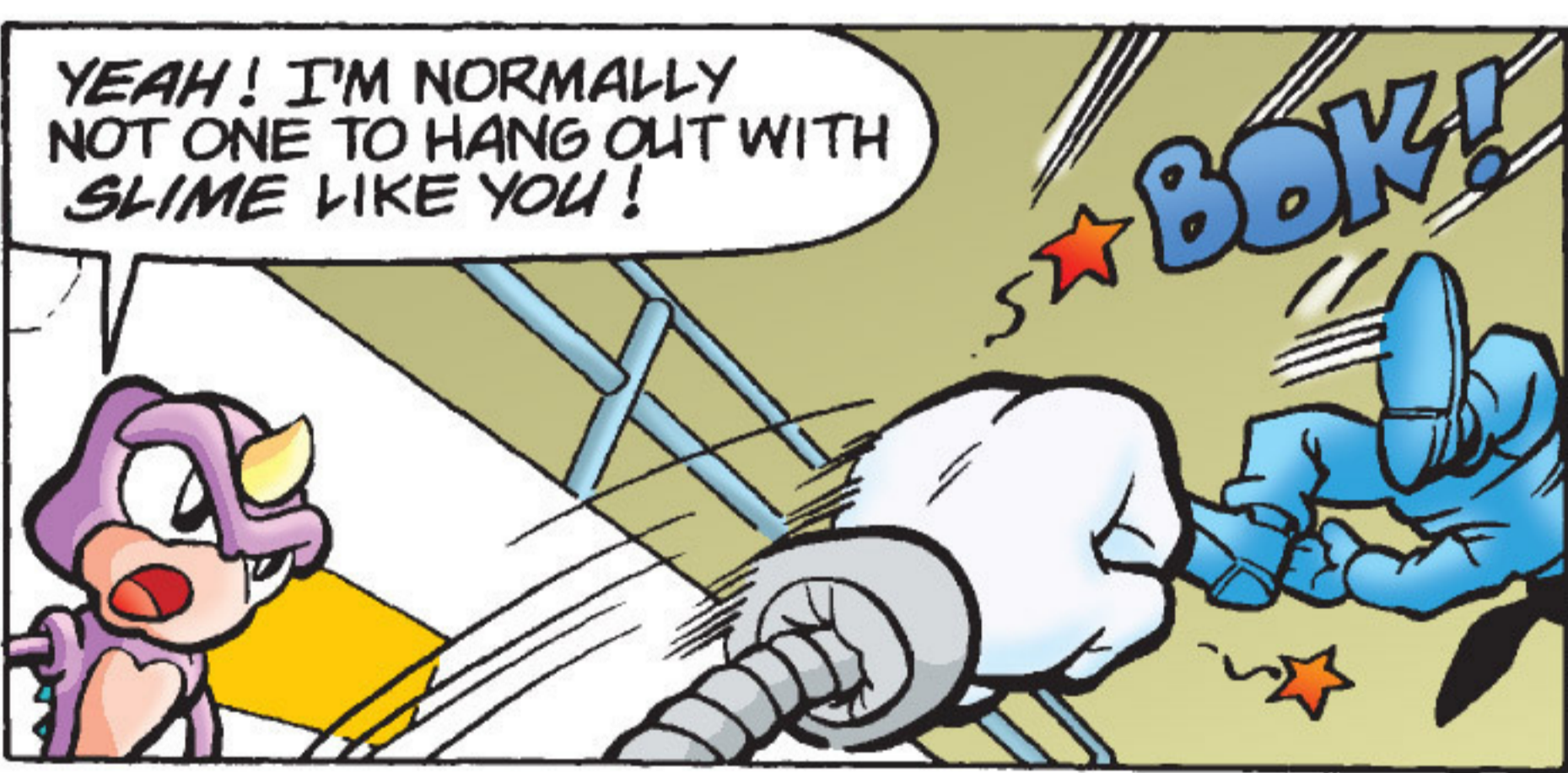
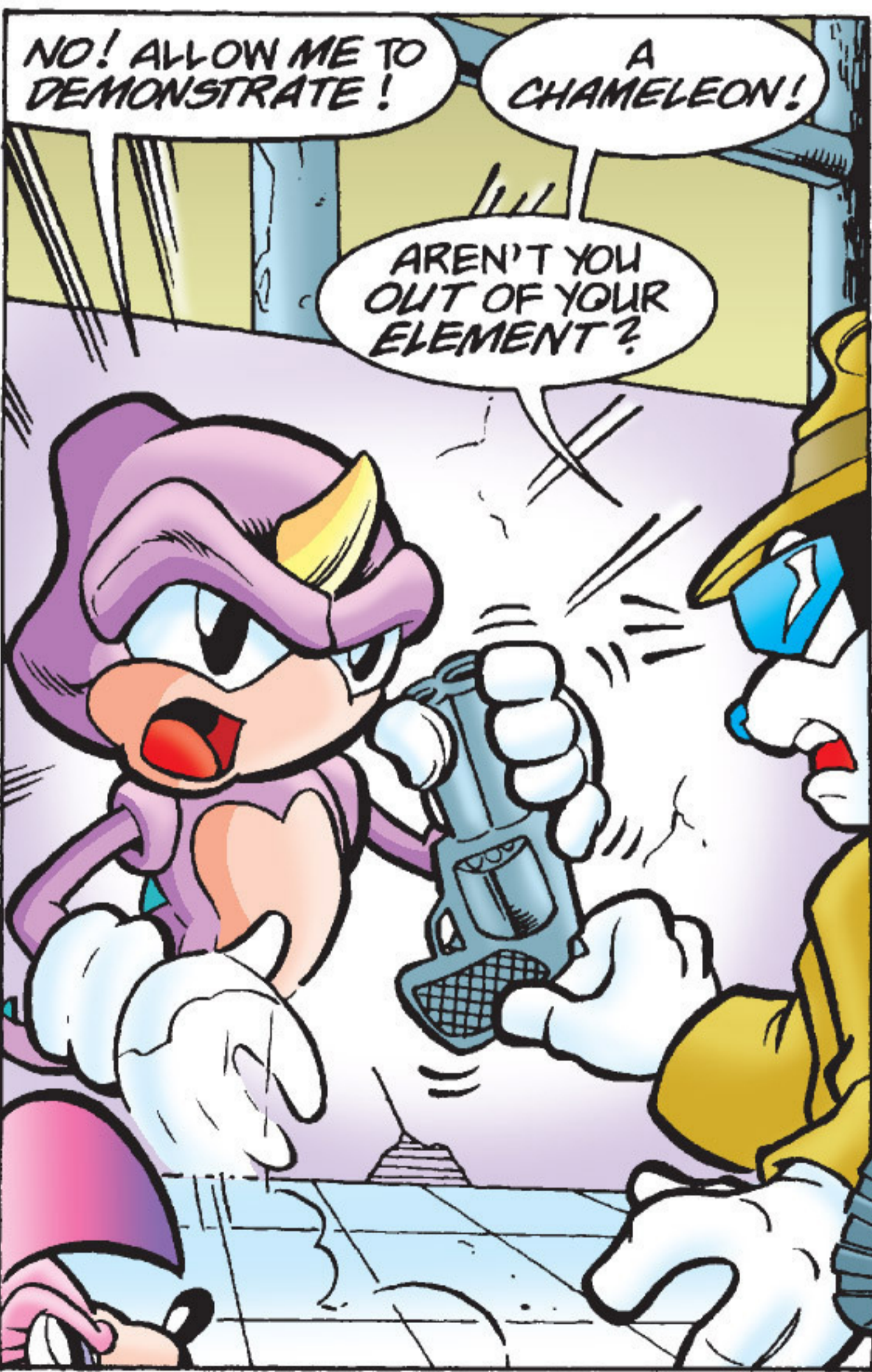
--BUT I'M WILLING TO LAY ODDS YOU DON'T WALK AWAY FROM THIS!

AREN'T YOU BEING A TAD RADICAL?



I'LL SHOW YOU RADICAL, BABE!

KA-BLAM!
YOW!



"I THOUGHT I SAW HIM IN TROUBLE!"

A LAWMAN,
EH?

I EAT GUYS
LIKE YOU FOR
BREAKFAST!

YOU DON'T
SAY!

HUH?

AS FOR
YOU BEING
MY IDEA OF
BREAKFAST--

--MAN,
YOU'RE THE
PITS!

AND THAT'S
THE FACT,
JACK!

...oooh...

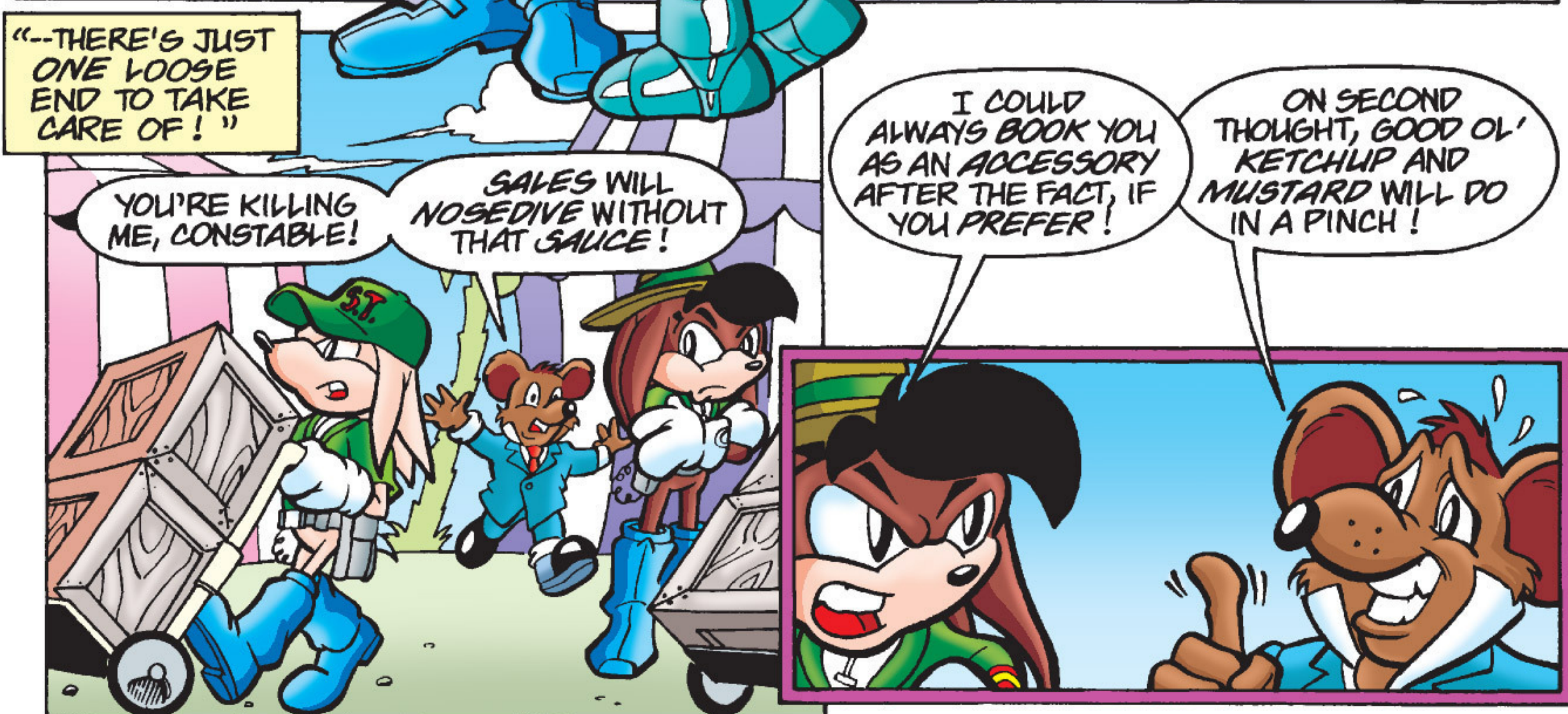
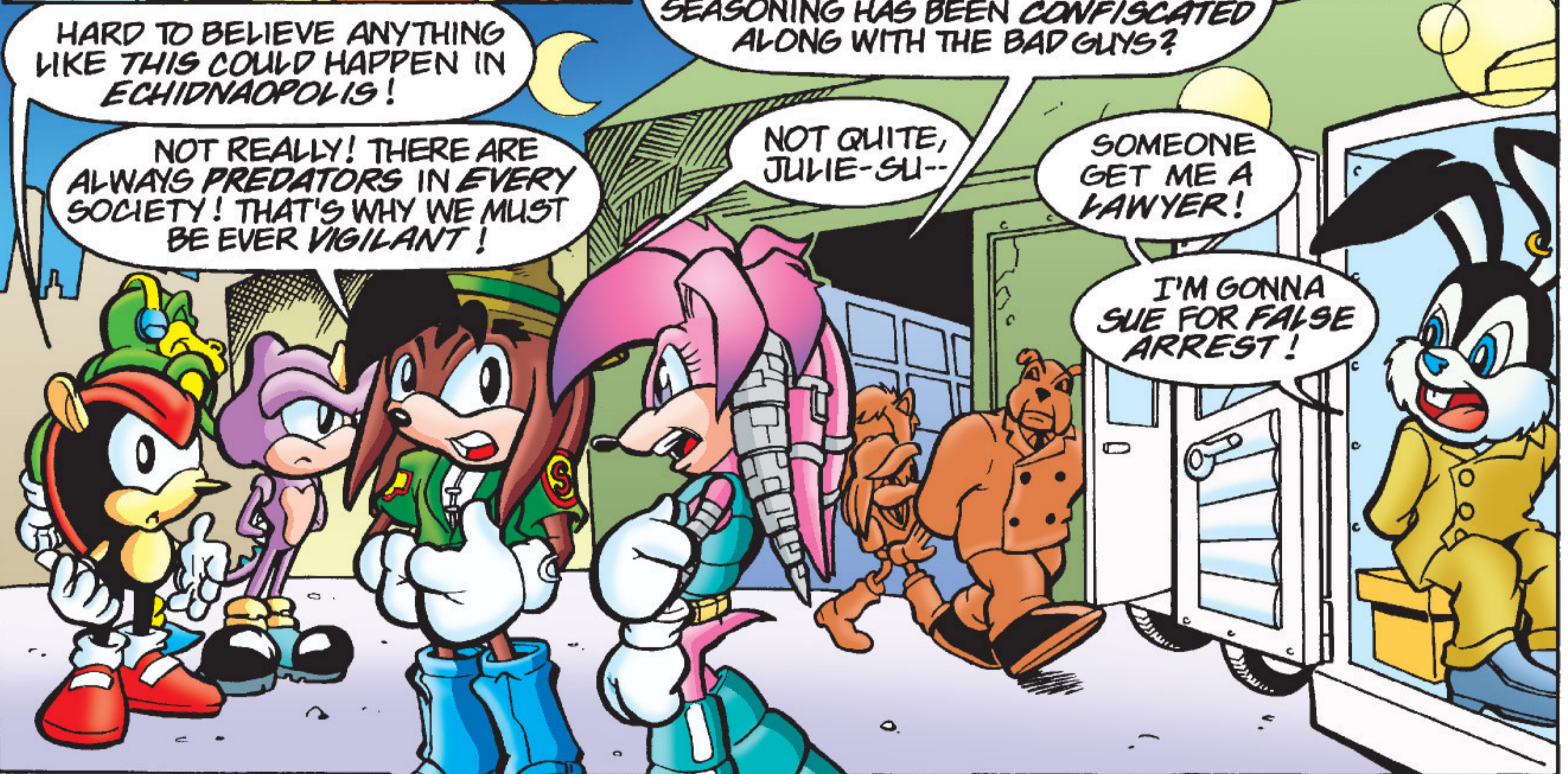
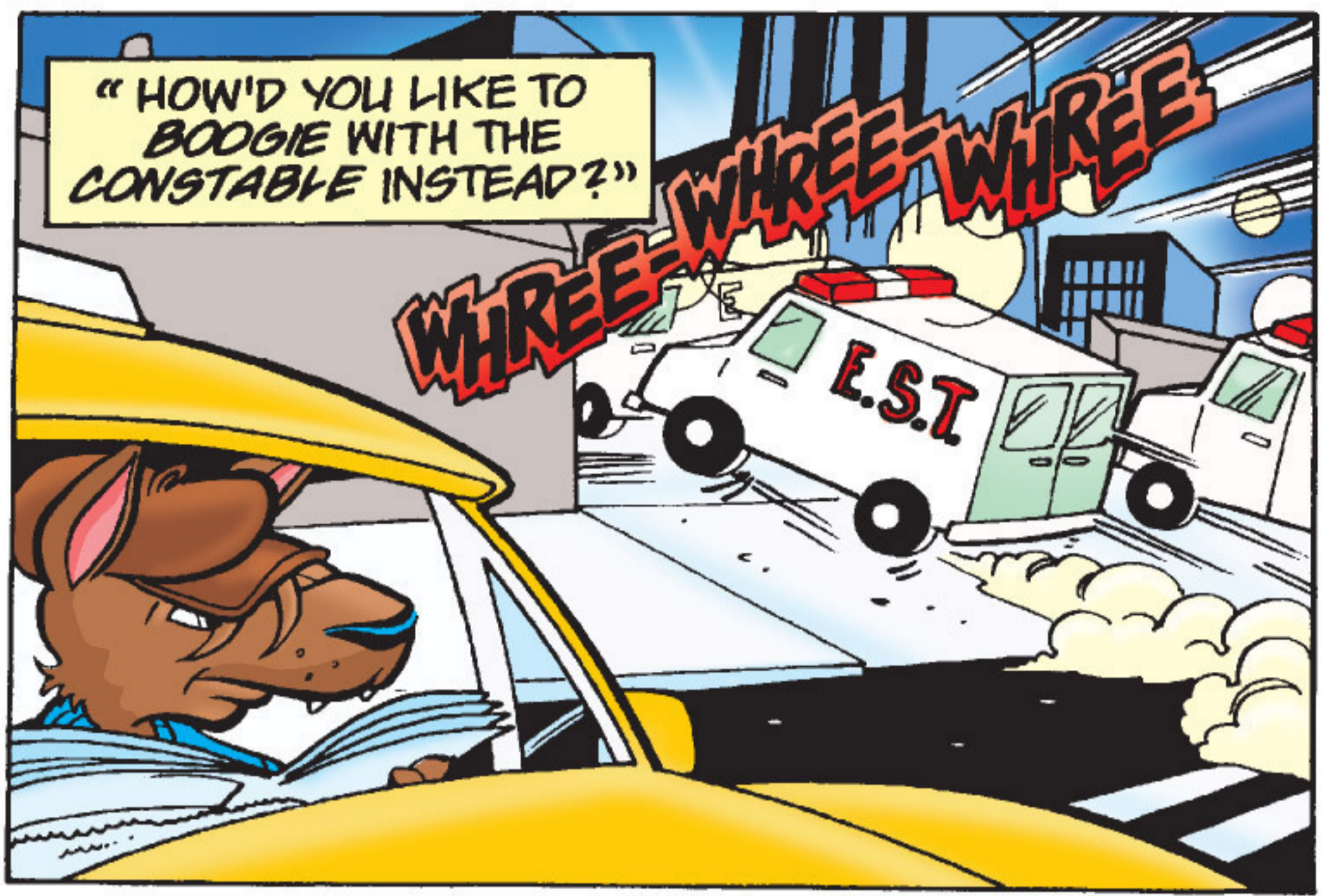
Twee... Twee... Twee

JUMBLE
BUMBLE
TUMBLE

I'VE
GOTTA GET
OUTTA
'HEAH'!

IT AIN'T
SAFE FOR A
'GOIL'!

CUTTIN'
OUT ON US,
HUH?

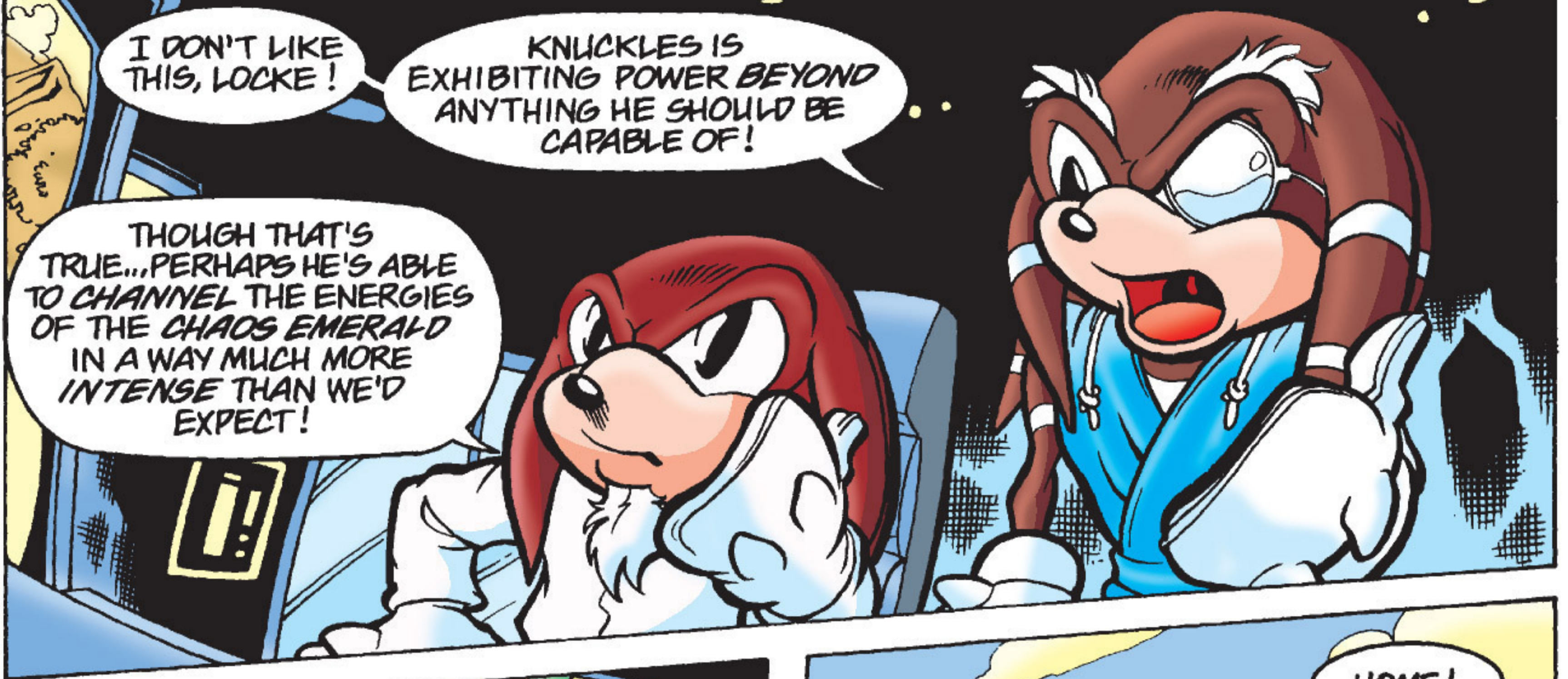


"SOMEHOW, I KNEW YOU WERE AN AGREEABLE CHAP, MISTER RODENT!"

I DON'T LIKE THIS, LOCKE!

KNUCKLES IS EXHIBITING POWER BEYOND ANYTHING HE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF!

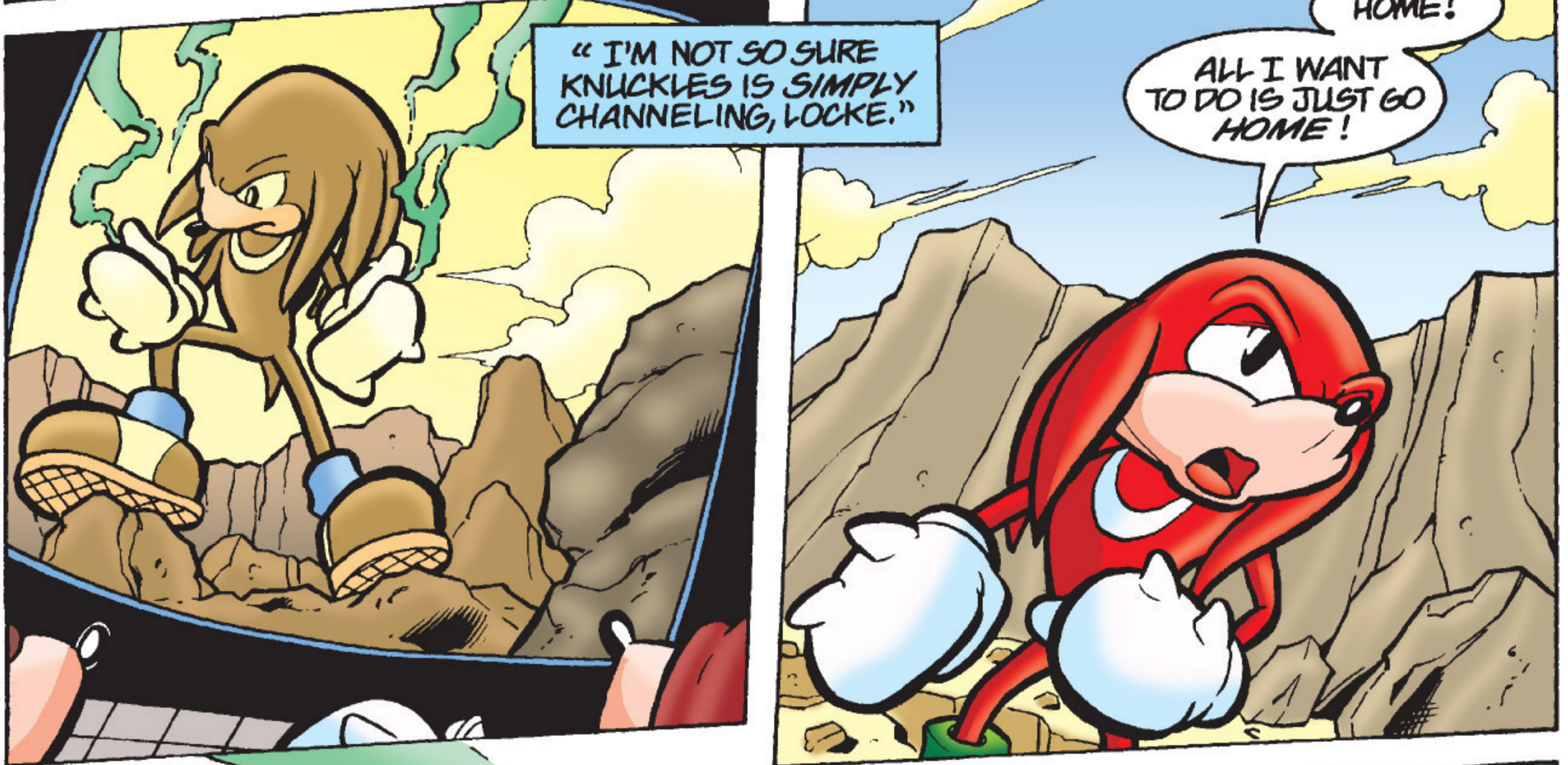
THOUGH THAT'S TRUE...PERHAPS HE'S ABLE TO CHANNEL THE ENERGIES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD IN A WAY MUCH MORE INTENSE THAN WE'D EXPECT!



"I'M NOT SO SURE KNUCKLES IS SIMPLY CHANNELING, LOCKE."

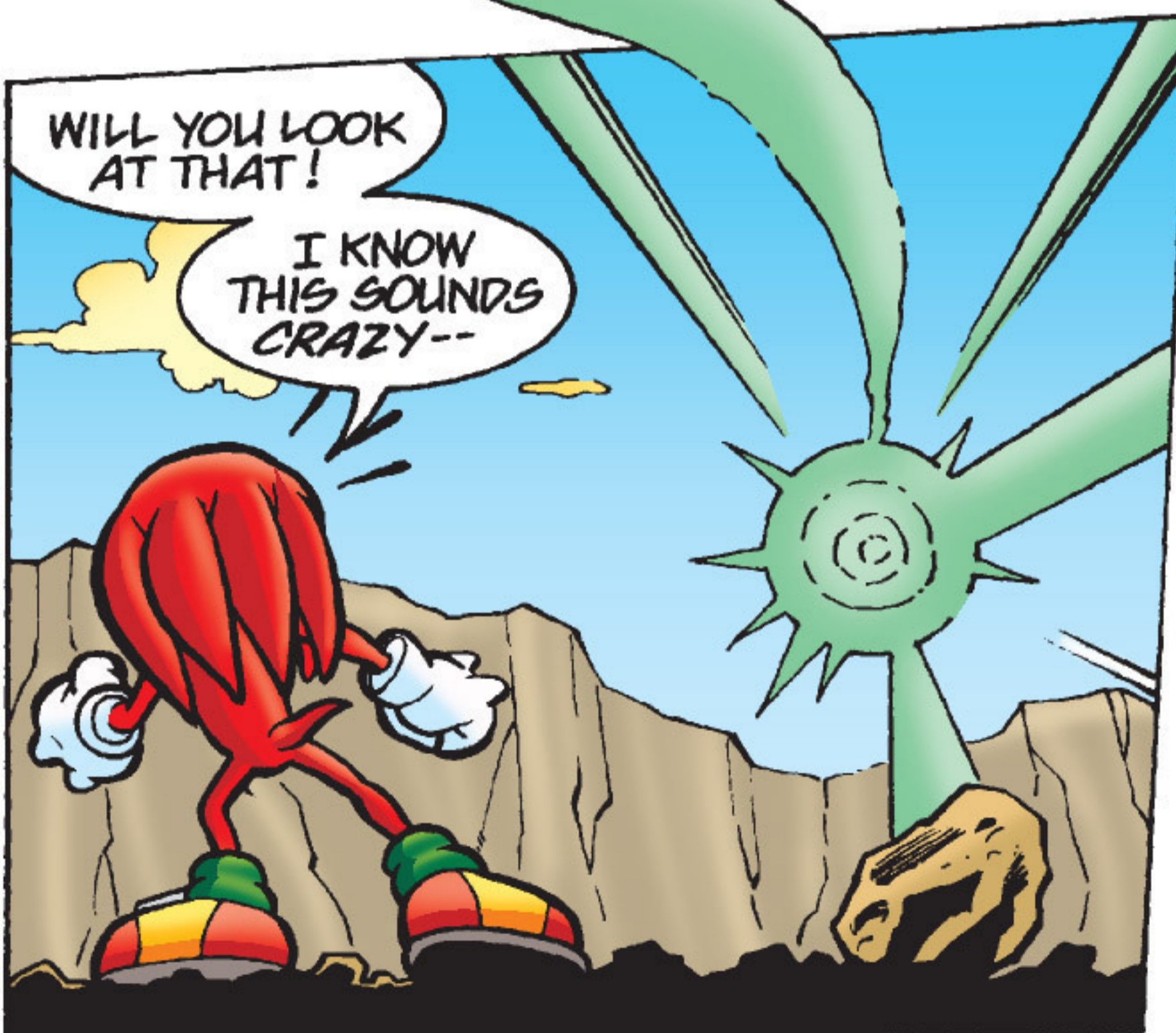
HOME!

ALL I WANT TO DO IS JUST GO HOME!



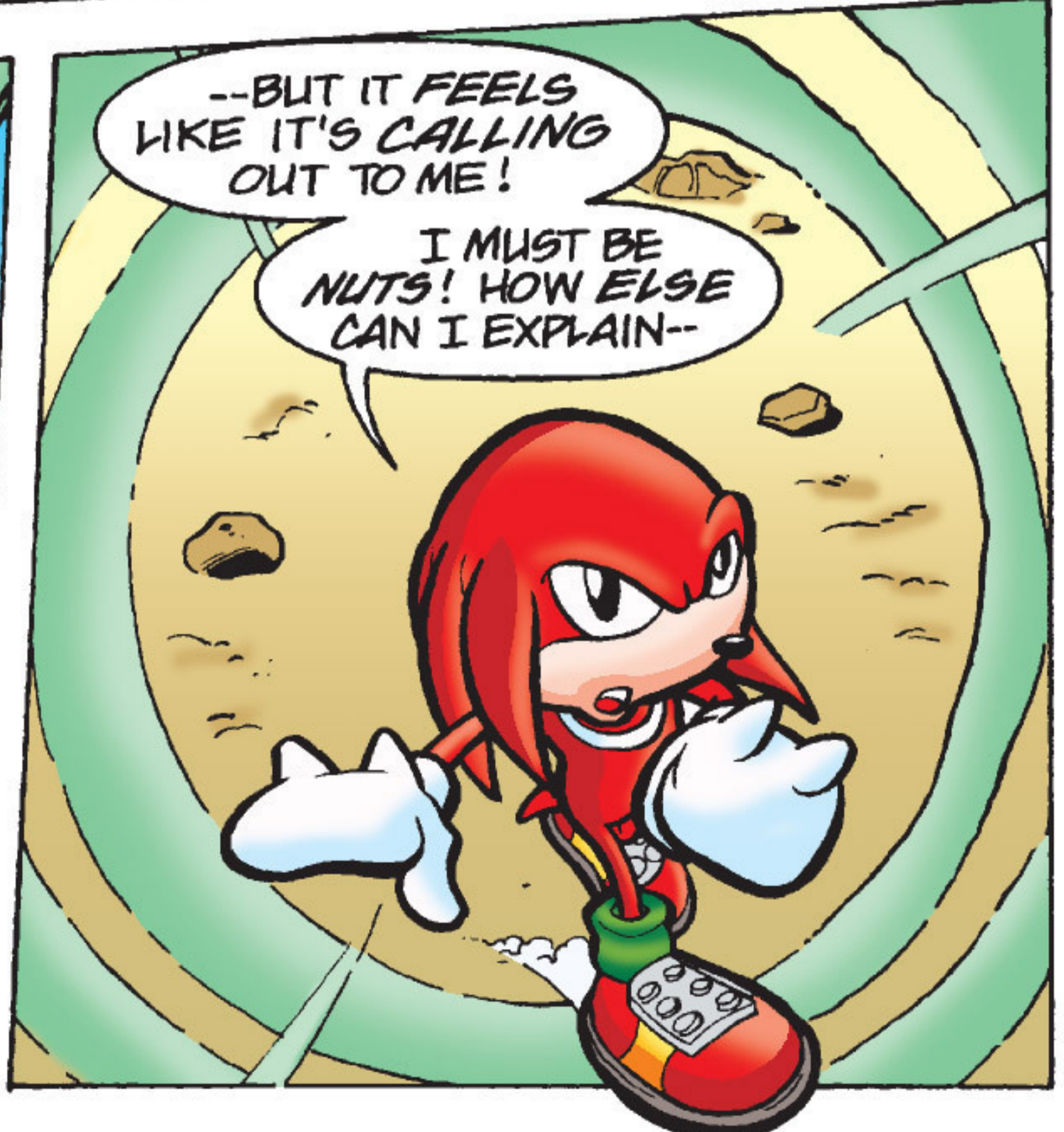
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!

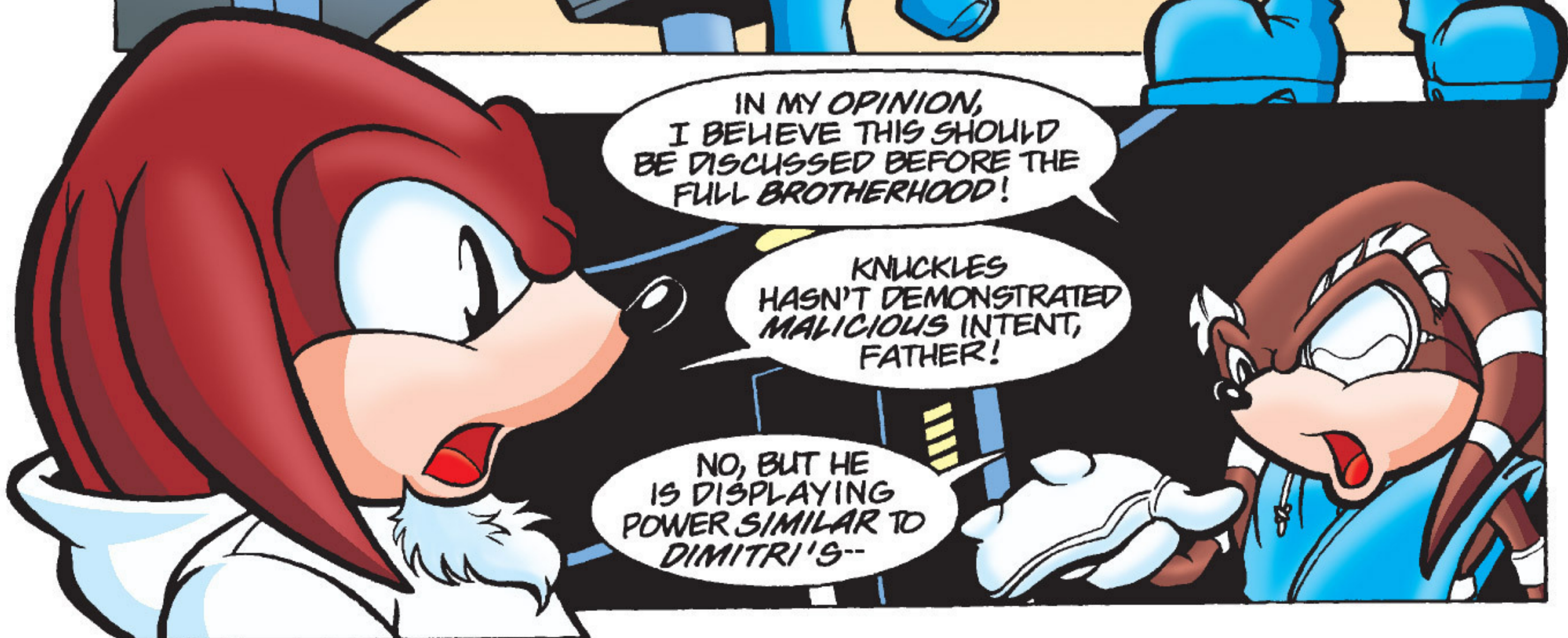
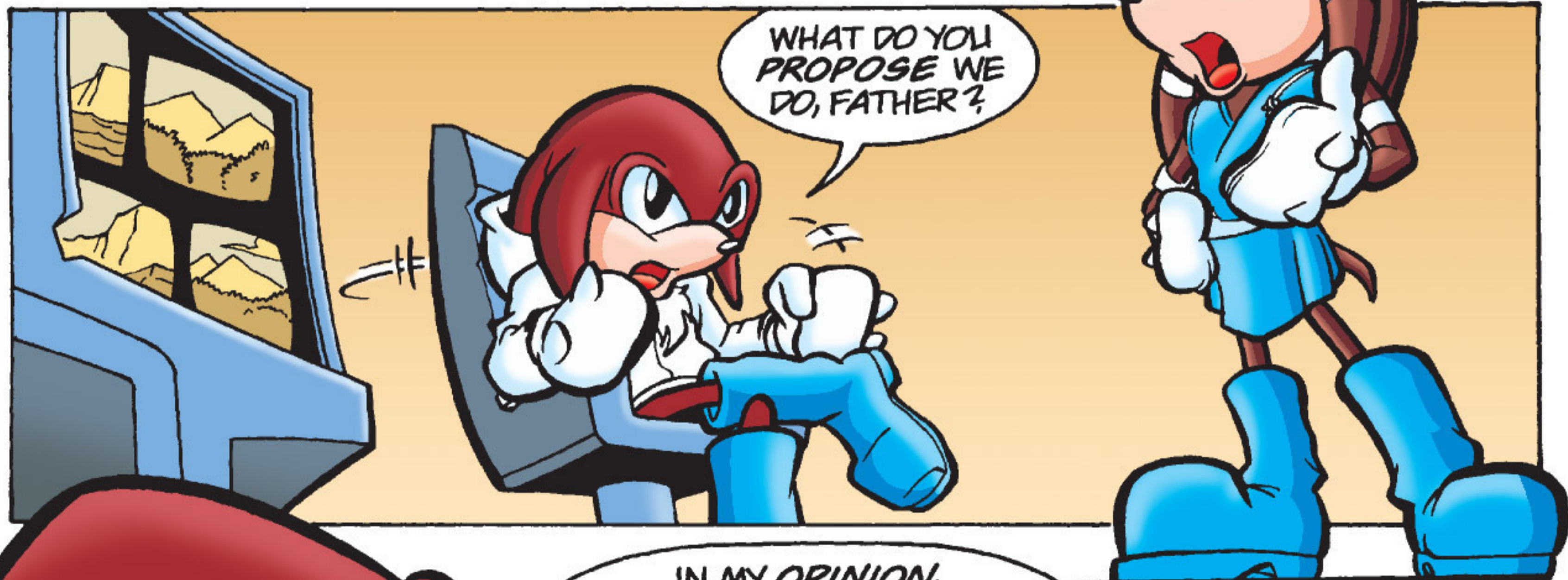
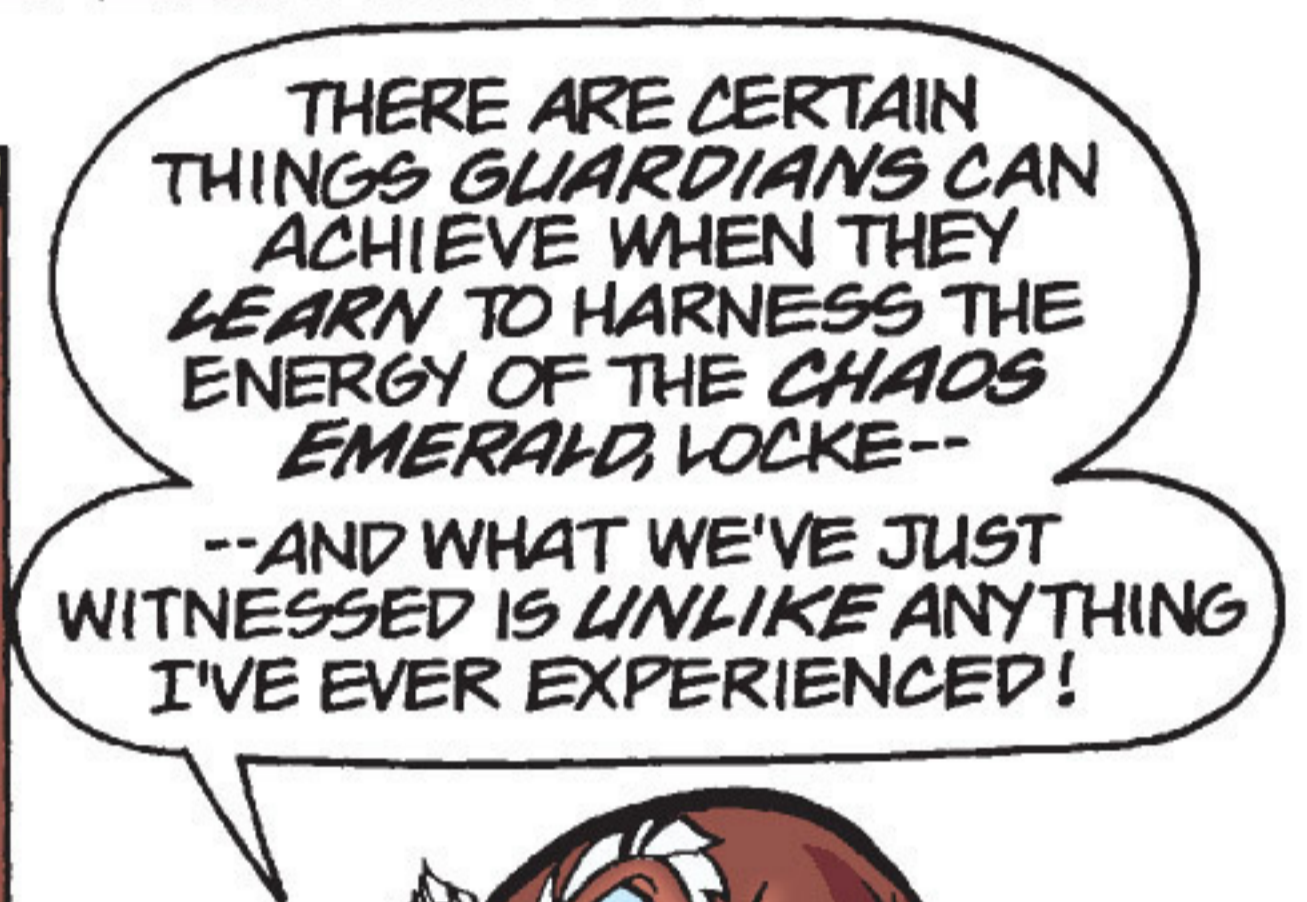
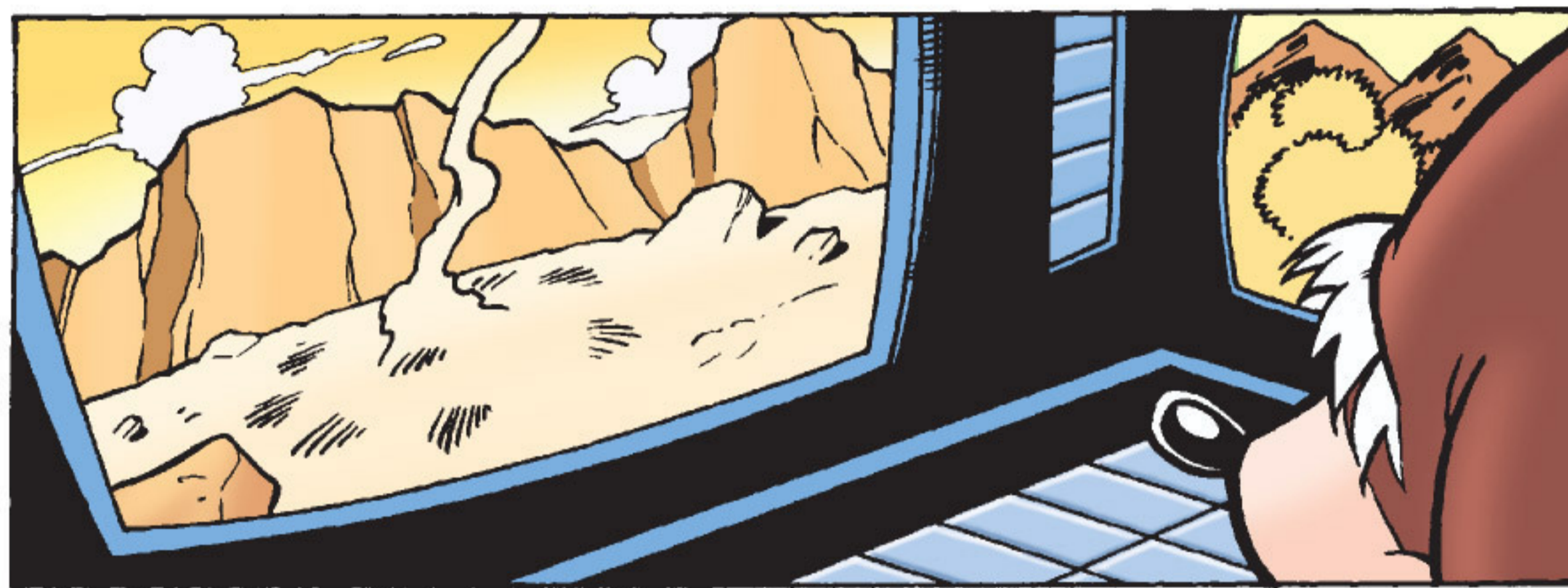
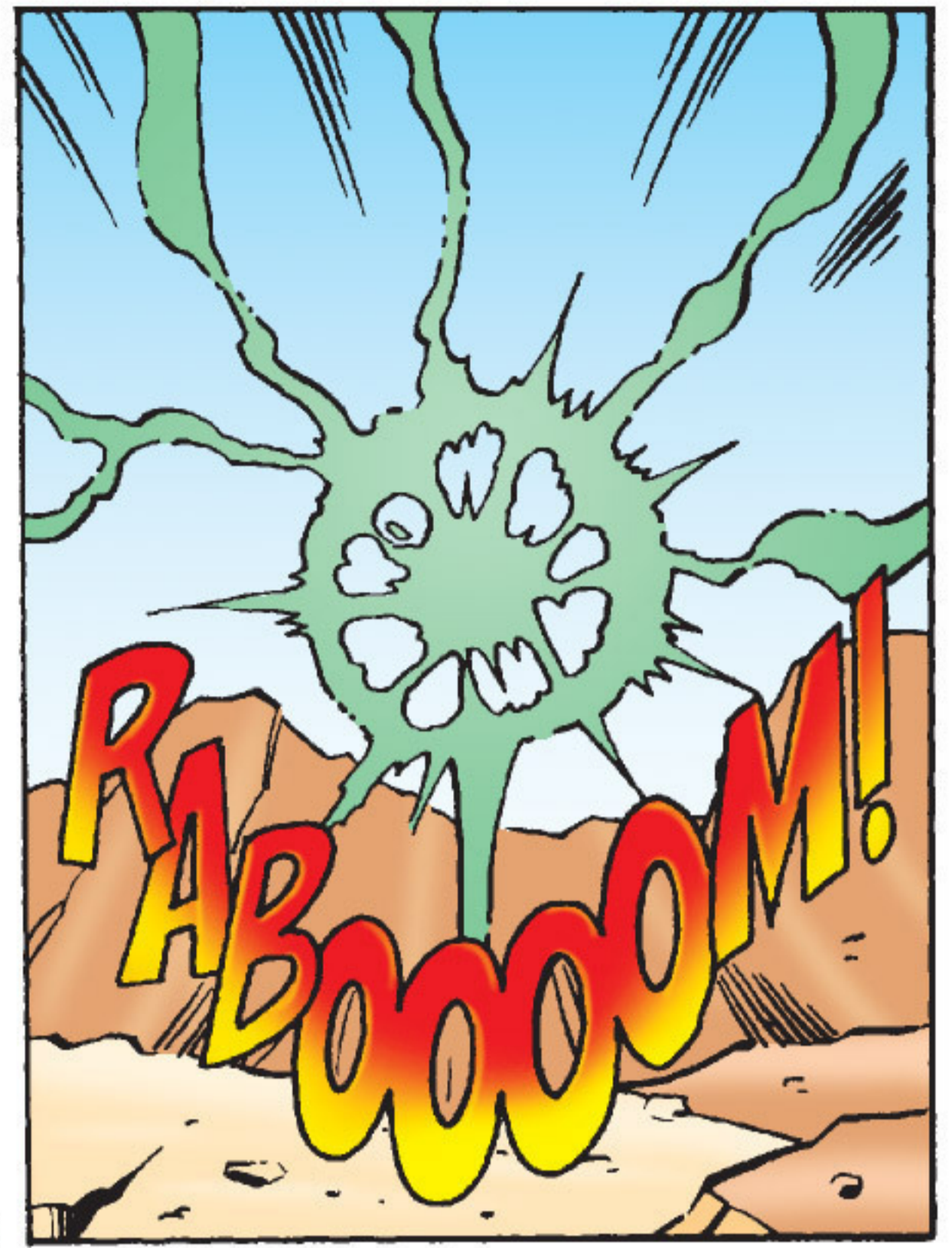
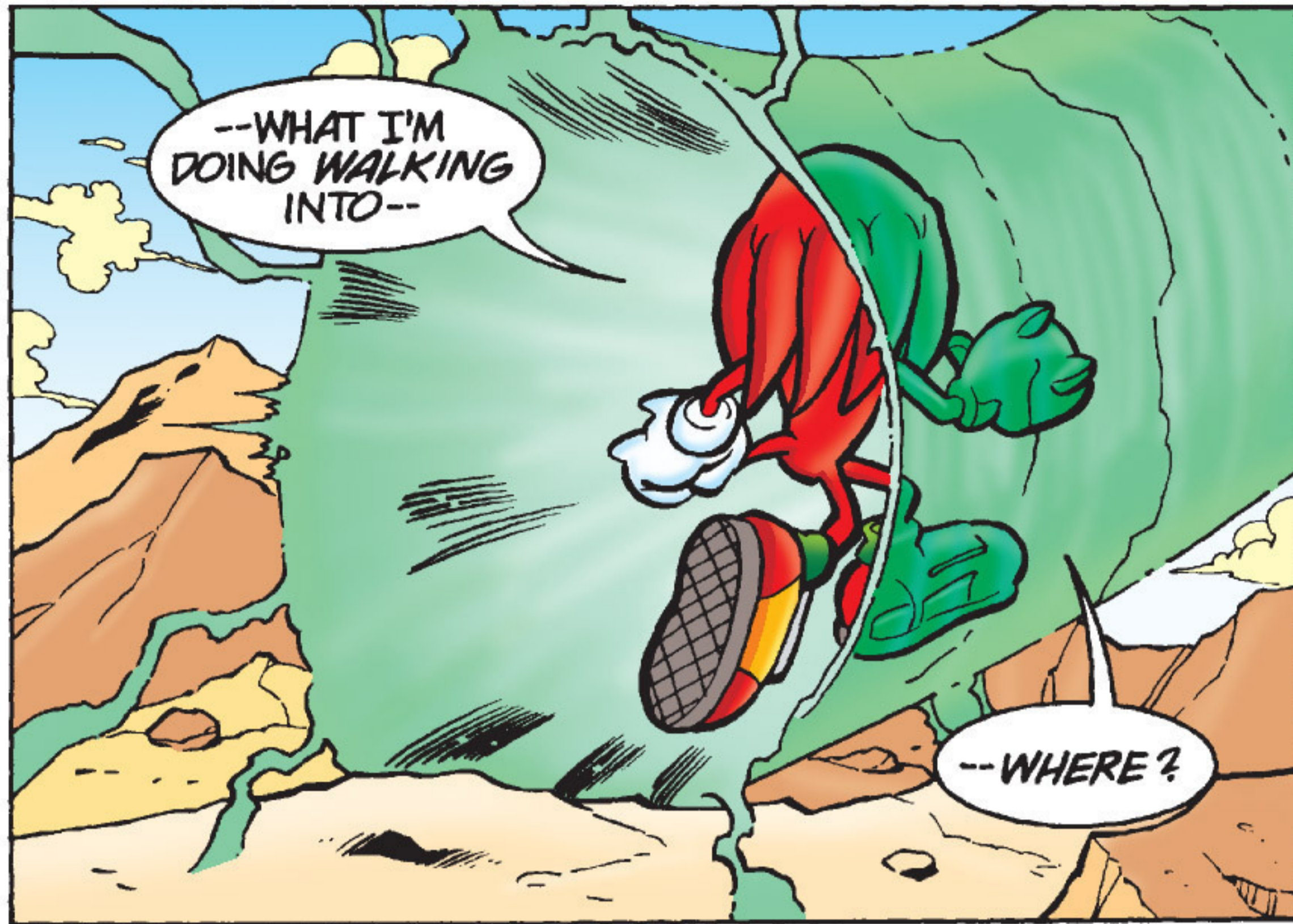
I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY--



--BUT IT FEELS LIKE IT'S CALLING OUT TO ME!

I MUST BE NUTS! HOW ELSE CAN I EXPLAIN--





"--AND THAT ALONE GIVES ME CAUSE FOR CONCERN!"

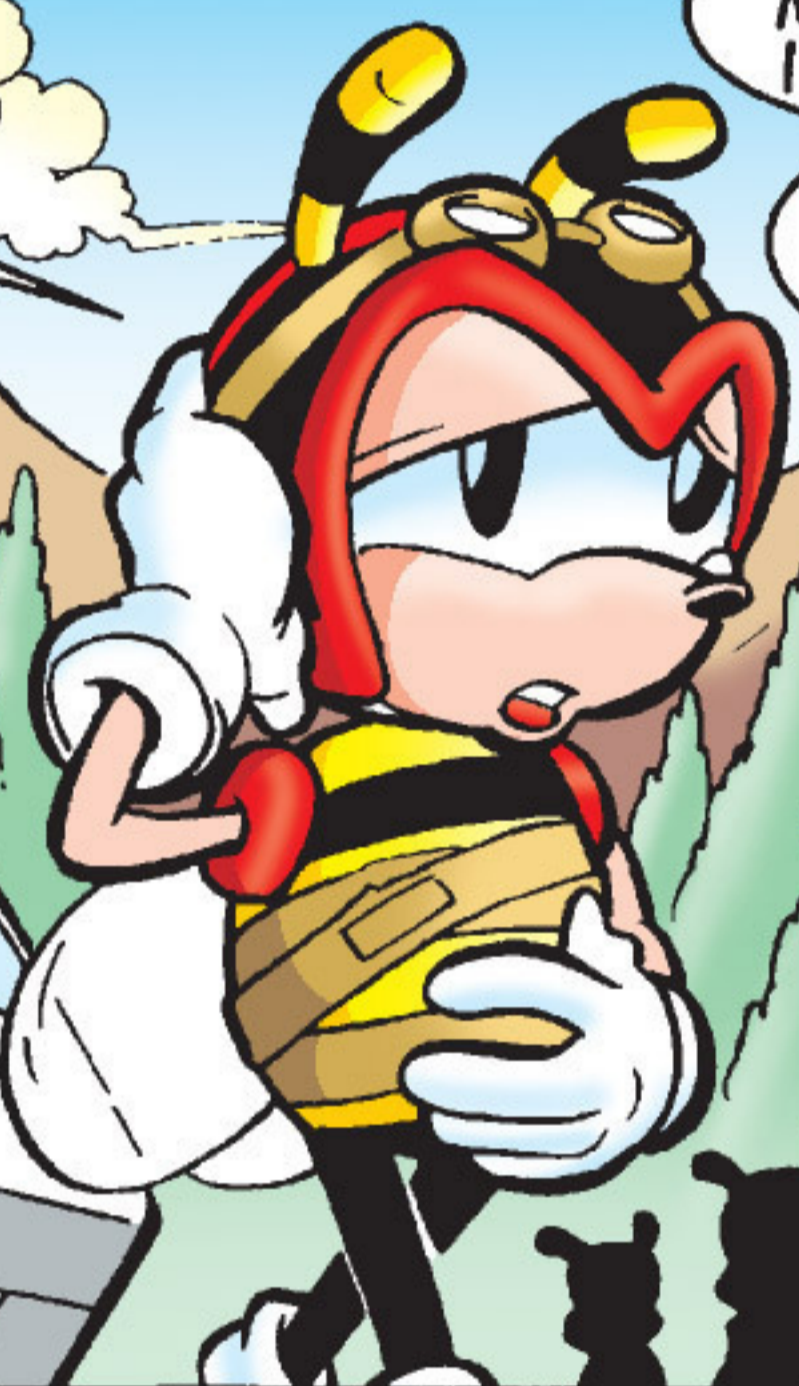
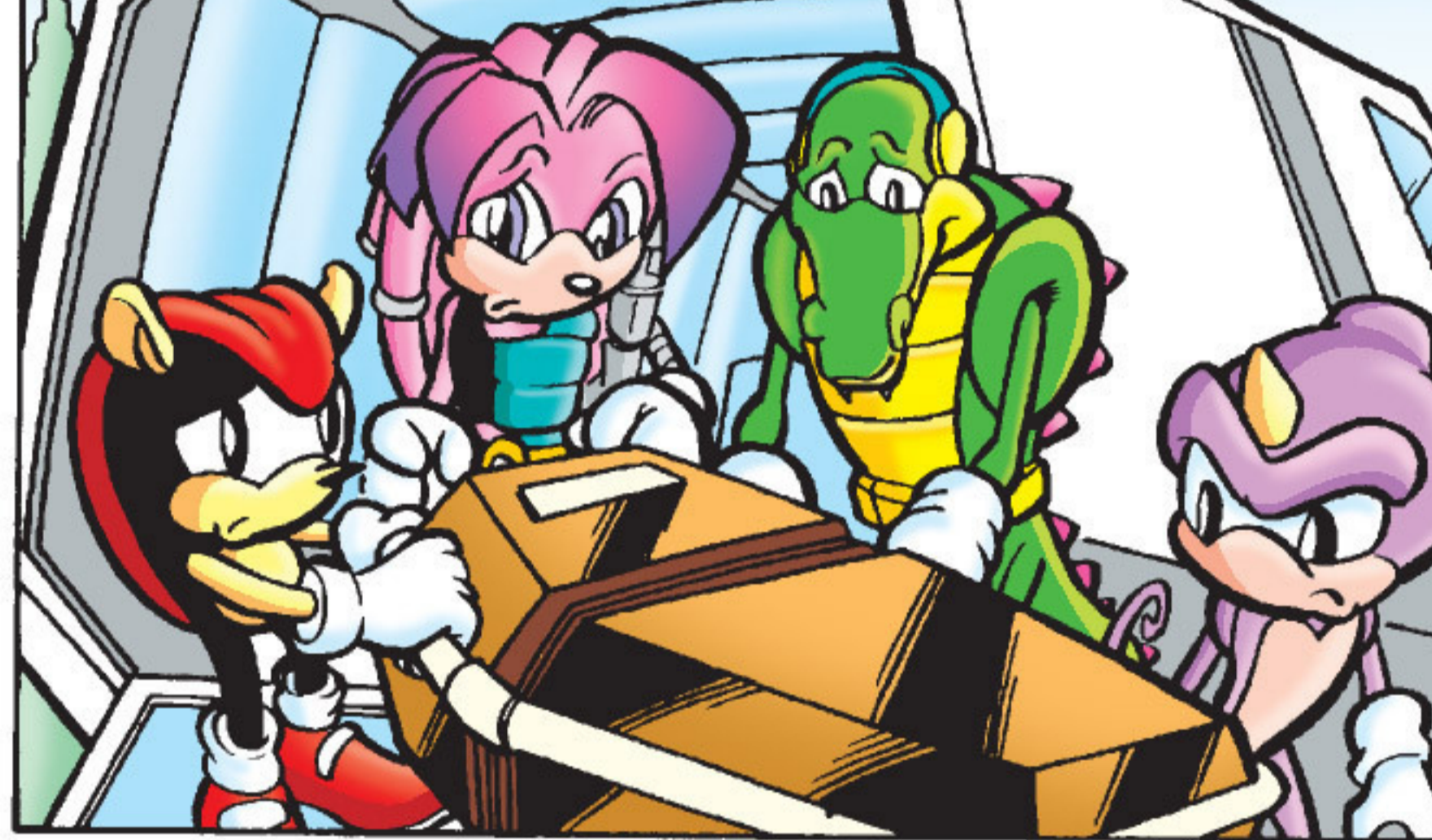
GOLDENHIVE COLONY NOW COMING INTO VIEW STRAIGHT AHEAD!

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, CHARMY?

STILL A BIT WOZZY FROM SURGERY, JULIE-SU--

-- BUT OTHERWISE, I'M FINE!

MAMA! LOOK! IT'S CHARMY!! AND HE'S BROUGHT SOME FRIENDS!

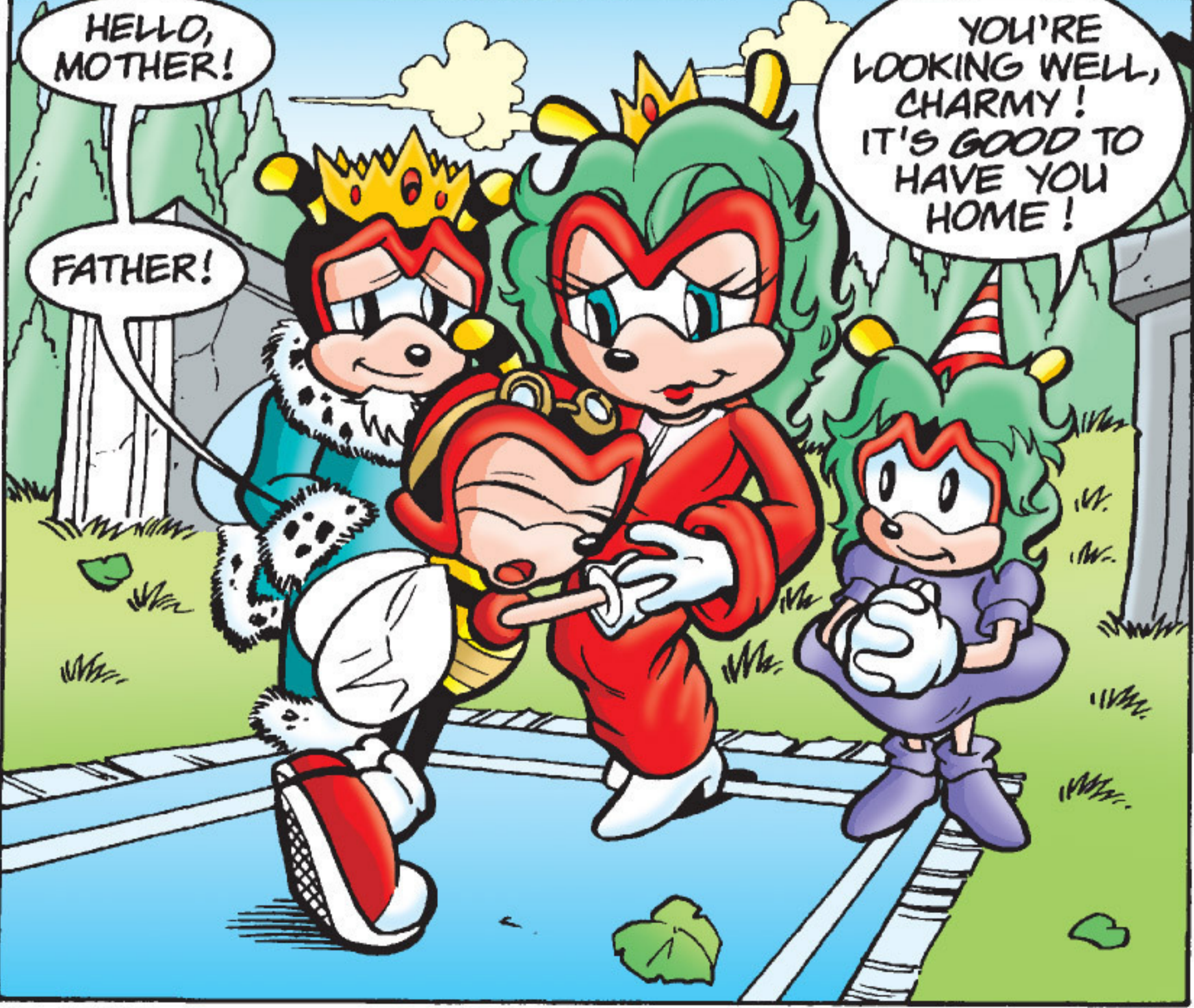


HELLO, MOTHER!

FATHER!

YOU'RE LOOKING WELL, CHARMY! IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU HOME!

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, PLEASE, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO FIRST!



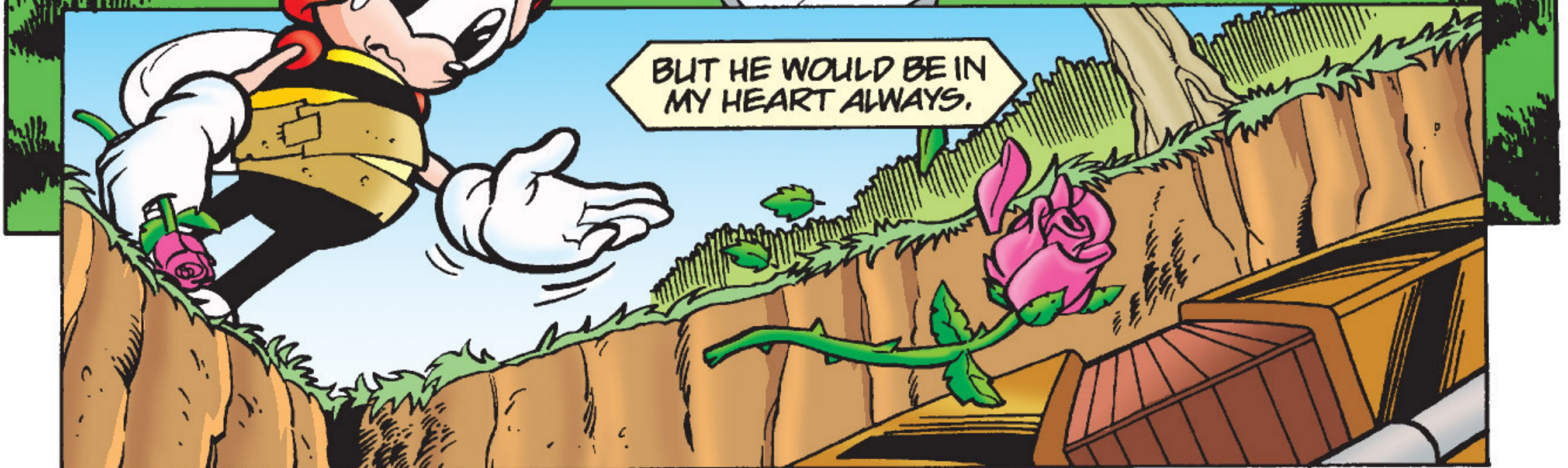
MELLO HAD JOINED ME IN MY GREAT ADVENTURE, AND IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO TO BRING HIM HOME.

AFTER HEARING WHAT HAPPENED, HIS PARENTS MAY HAVE FORGIVEN ME, BUT IT WOULD BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I COULD.

MY BEST FRIEND AND I WOULD NEVER SHARE THE SUN EVER AGAIN.



BUT HE WOULD BE IN MY HEART ALWAYS.



AS WOULD MY OTHER FRIENDS WHO CAME TO MEAN SO MUCH TO ME.

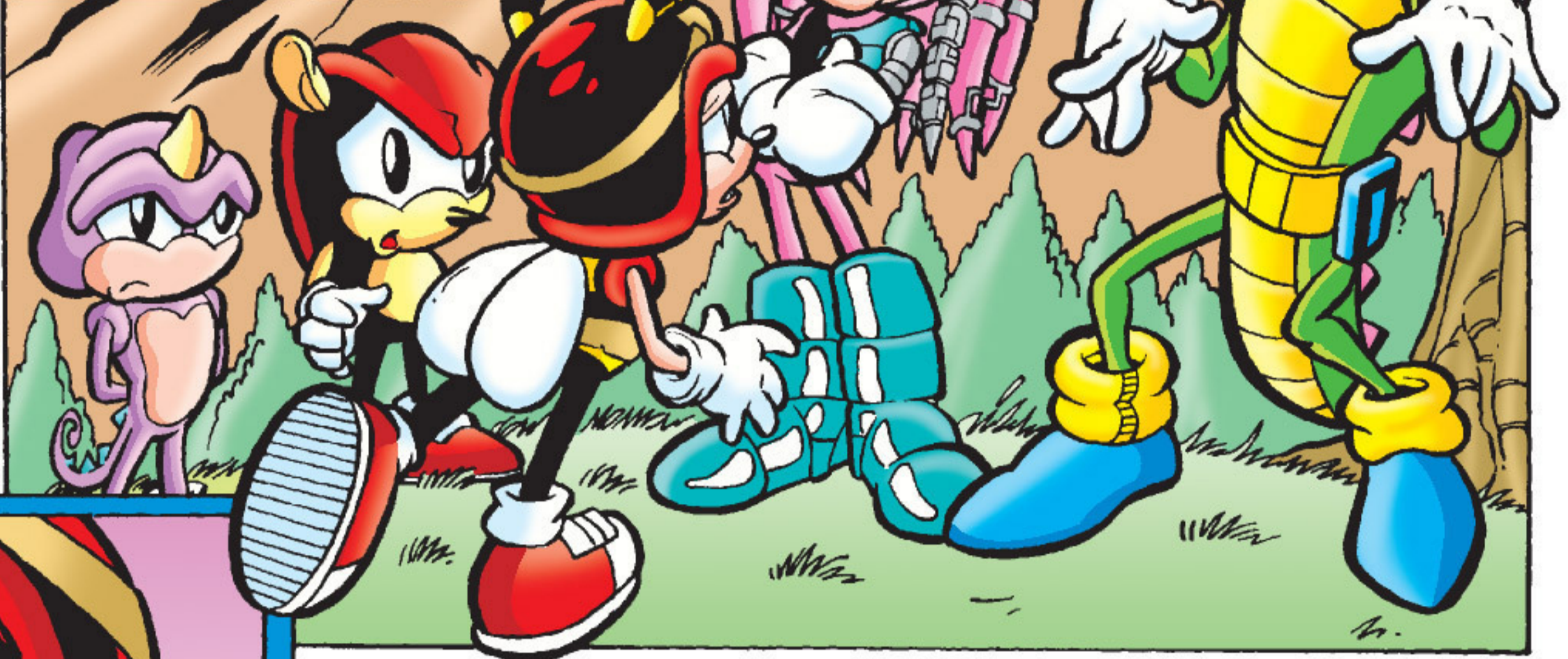
--I DON'T THINK I'D HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH THAT WITHOUT YOU!

THAT'S WHAT BUDS ARE FOR, Y'KNOW.

THANKS FOR COMING, GUYS--



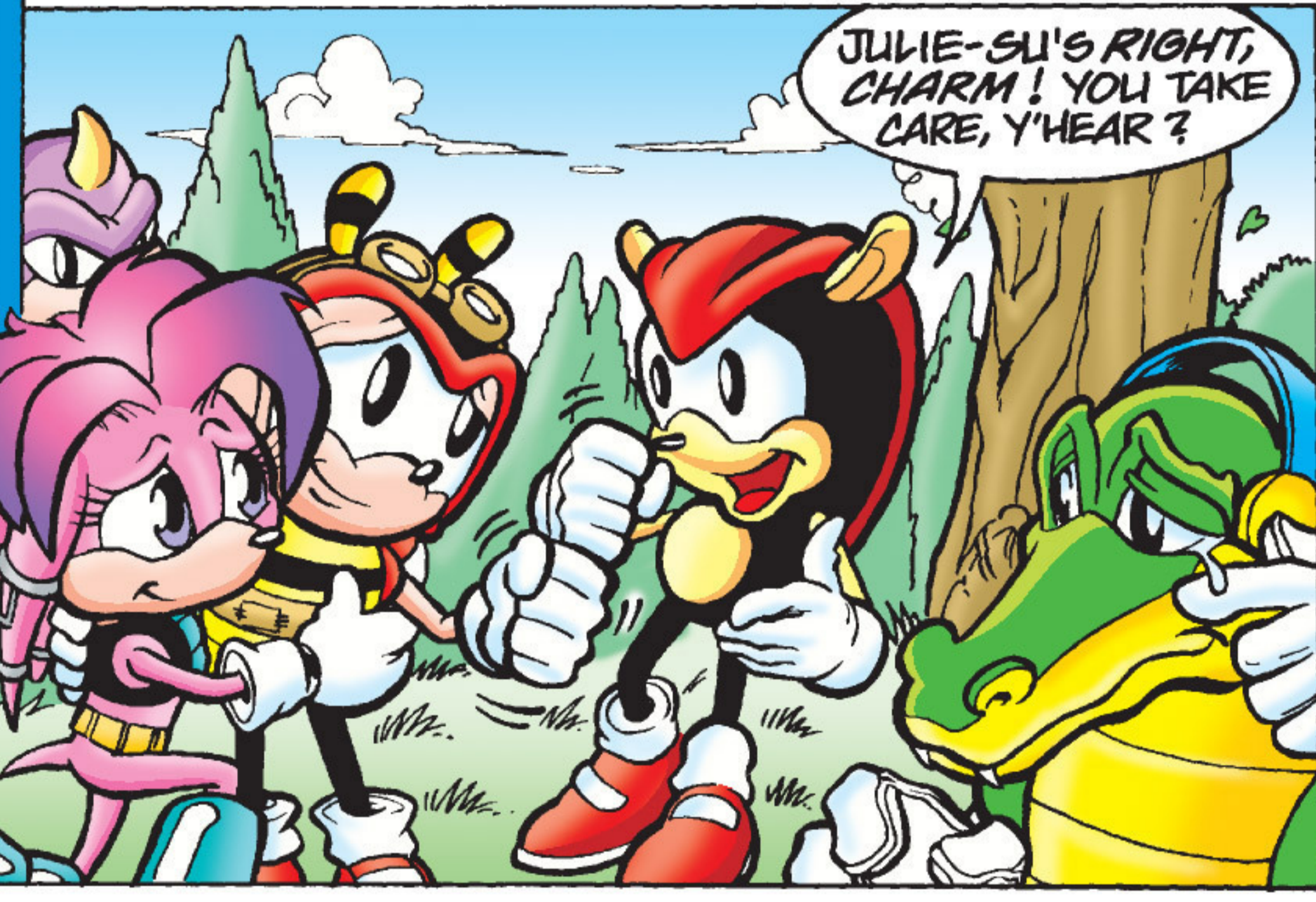
I DIDN'T THINK THIS WOULD BE SO HARD, BUT AFTER TOMORROW--
--I GUESS IT'S GOODBYE!
PLAY TIME IS OVER!



JULIE-SU'S RIGHT, CHARMY! YOU TAKE CARE, Y'HEAR?



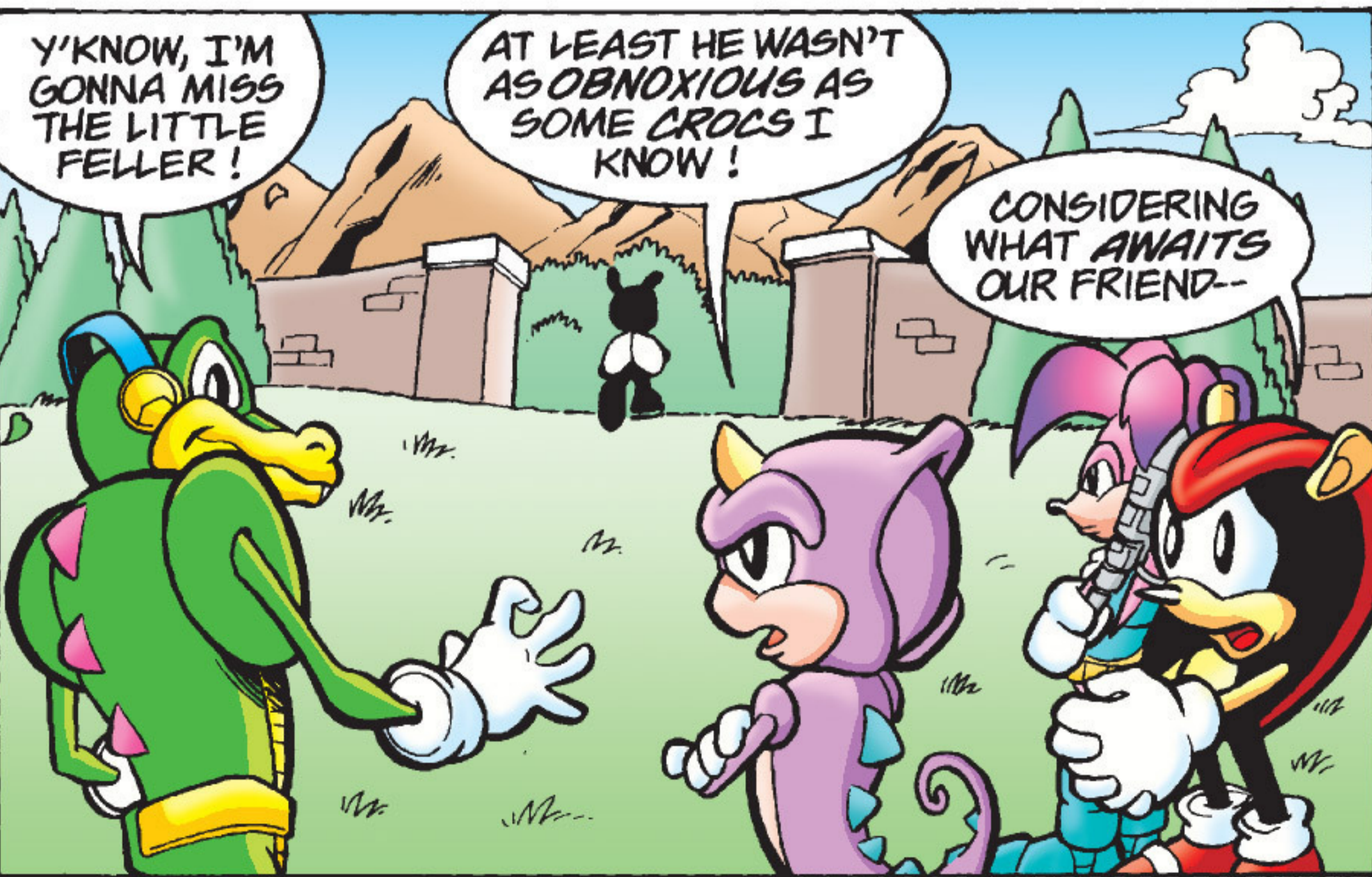
IT'S NOT FOREVER, CHARMY!
WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING!



Y'KNOW, I'M GONNA MISS THE LITTLE FELLER!

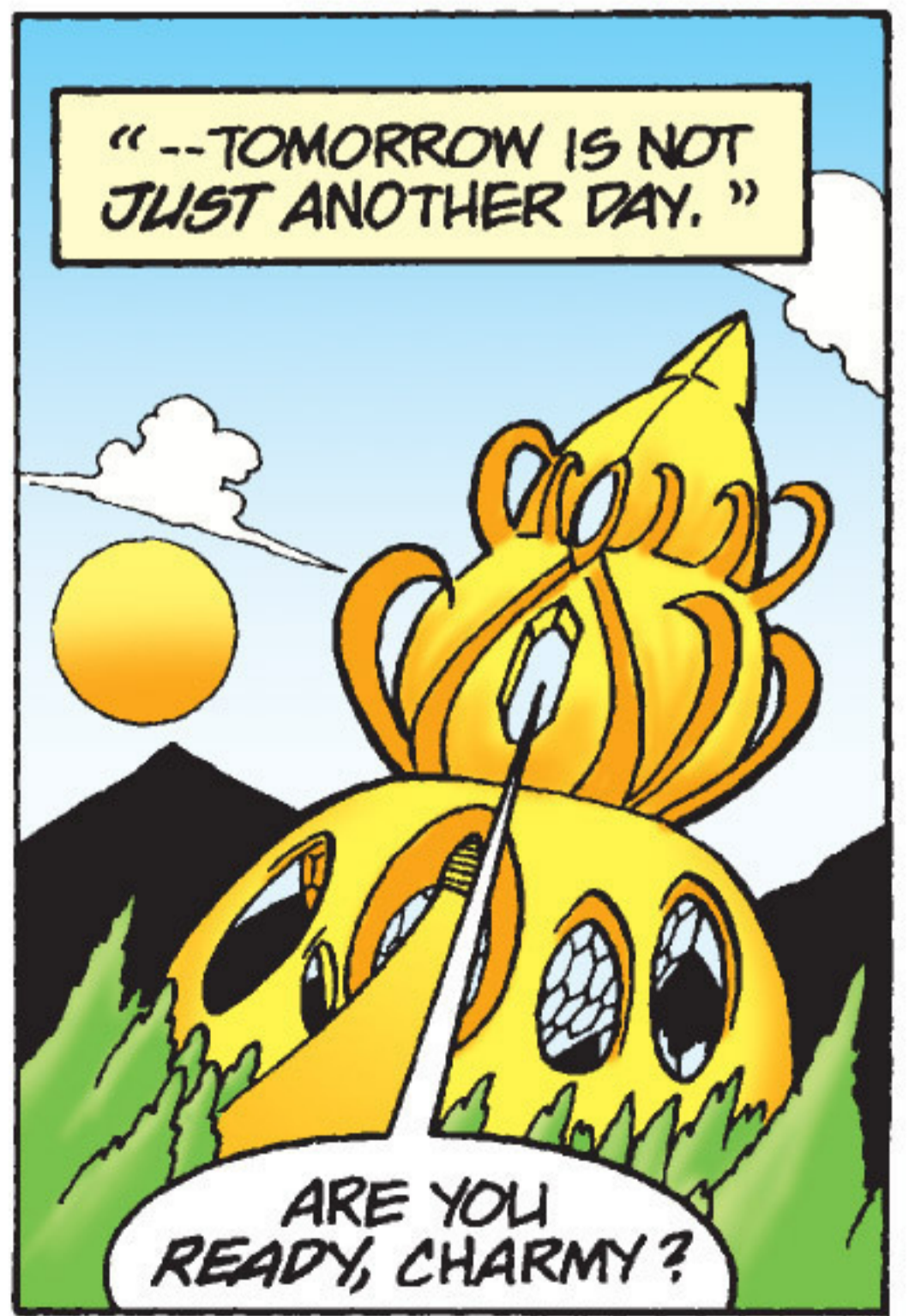
AT LEAST HE WASN'T AS OBNOXIOUS AS SOME CROCS I KNOW!

CONSIDERING WHAT AWAITS OUR FRIEND--



"--TOMORROW IS NOT JUST ANOTHER DAY."

ARE YOU READY, CHARMY?



I HAD LEFT HOME NOT WANTING TO GROW UP, ONLY TO LEARN THAT I HAD NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER.

I THOUGHT I WOULD ALWAYS HAVE FUN WITH MY FRIENDS, AND FOUND IN MY FAMILY SOMETHING MORE MEANINGFUL INSTEAD.

FUNNY HOW THINGS WORK OUT IN THE END.

NEXT:
REUNIONS!



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